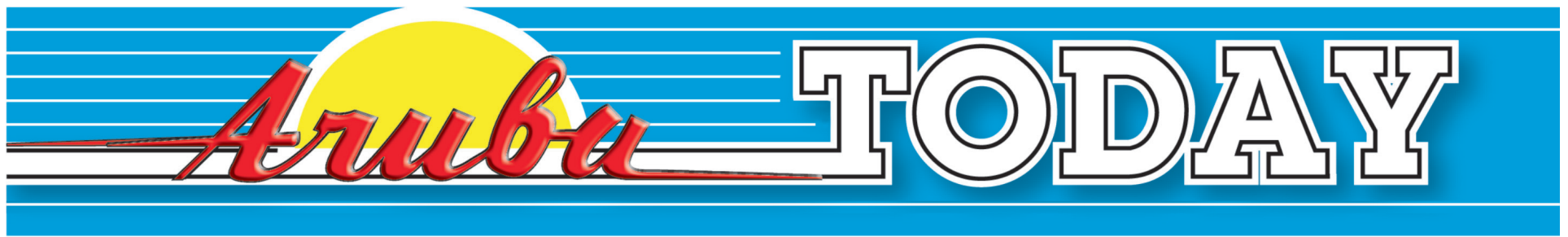


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'Muslims will destroy U.S.'

BEN HUBBARD

Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Osama bin Laden's deputy warned Wednesday that America faces not individual terrorists or groups but an international community of Muslims that seek to destroy it and its allies. He was delivering a 28-minute videotaped eulogy to slain al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden. Ayman al-Zawahri, al-Qaida's longtime No. 2 and considered the network's operational head, also sought to cast a role for the terror group in the popular uprisings shaking Arab world. "Today, praise God, America is not facing an individual, a group or a faction," he said, wearing a white robe and turban with an assault rifle leaned on a wall behind him. "It is facing a nation than is in revolt, having risen from its lethargy to a renaissance of jihad."

Al-Zawahri also heaped praise on bin Laden, who was killed in the May 2 raid by U.S. Navy SEALs in the Pakistani garrison town of Abbottabad. Al-Zawahri, who is believed to be operating from somewhere near the Pakistan-Afghanistan border, also criticized the U.S. for burying bin Laden at sea.

"He went to his God as a martyr, the man who terrified American while alive and terrifies it in death, so much so that they trembled at the idea of his having tomb" he said. Al-Zawahri — who referenced the toppling of rulers in Tunisia and Egypt and continued uprisings in Libya, Yemen and Syria — tried to cast recent developments as in line with his group's longtime goal: to destroy America and its allies.

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THE ROYAL PRICE OF PEACE



A Saudi Arabian man sits on a ledge high up on the Al Faisaliyah Center tower in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia is flexing its financial and diplomatic might across the Middle East in a wide-ranging bid to contain the tide of change, shield fellow monarchs from popular discontent and avert the overthrow of any more leaders struggling to calm turbulent republics.

(Ed Ou/The New York Times)

Record heat hits Eastern U.S.

BRETT ZONGKER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The mercury climbed into the 90s across half the country Wednesday in a record-breaking blast of August-like heat, forcing schools with no air conditioning to let kids go home early and cities to open cooling centers. And scientists say we had better get used to it.

A new study from Stanford University predicts that global climate change will lead permanently to unusually hot summers by the middle of the century.

Temperatures in the 90s were recorded across much of the South, the East and the Mid-



Rafael Muhletaler, 2, of Detroit, plays at a fountain along River Walk in Detroit, Wednesday, June 8, 2011.

(AP Photo/Paul Sancya)

west. Baltimore and Washington hit 99 degrees, breaking high-temperature records for the date that were set in 1999, according to the National Weather Service. The normal

high for the date is about 82. Philadelphia hit 97 degrees, breaking a 2008 record of 95, and Atlantic City, N.J., tied a record of 98 set in 1999.

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NEIL MacFARQUHAR

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RIYADH, Saudi Arabia —

As one nation after another has battled uprisings across the Arab world, the one major country spared is also its richest — Saudi Arabia, where a fresh infusion of money has so far bought order.

The kingdom is spending \$130 billion to pump up salaries, build housing and finance religious organizations, among other outlays, effectively neutralizing most opposition.

King Abdullah began wielding his checkbook right after leaders in Tunisia and Egypt fell, seeking to placate the public and reward a loyal religious establishment.

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Using royal funds to buy peace in Saudi Arabia

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The king's reserves, swollen by more than \$214 billion in oil revenue last year, have insulated the royal family from widespread demands for change even while some discontent simmers.

Saudi Arabia has also relied on its unusually close alliance with the religious establishment that has long helped preserve the power of the royal family.

The grand mufti, the highest religious official in the kingdom, rolled out a fatwa saying Islam forbids street protests, and clerics hammered at that message in their Friday sermons.

But the first line of defense in this case was the public aid package. King Abdullah paid an extra two months' salary to government employees and spent \$70 billion alone for 500,000 units of low-income housing. As a reward to the religious establishment, he allocated about \$200 million to their organizations, including the religious police. Clerics opposed to democratic changes crowed that they had won a great victory over liberal in-

tellectuals.

"They don't care about the security of the country, all they care about is the mingling of genders — they want girls to drive cars, they want to go the beaches to see girls in bathing

ally, has struggled to preserve what remains of a regional dynamic upended by the Arab Spring — buttressing monarchies and blocking Iran from gaining influence. While the United States has pressed

short run, at home and in its Persian Gulf backyard. But some critics call its strategy of effectively buying off public opinion unsustainable because it fails to address underlying problems.

"The problem is that some leaders do not understand what is going on and do not learn the lessons while these things are unfolding in front of their eyes, they do not learn the lessons of history," said Prince Talal bin Abdul Aziz, 79, a brother of the king.

The prince, whose 14 living children include billionaire investor Prince Alwaleed bin Talal, said: "These people want to preserve their power, their money and their prestige, so they want to keep the status quo. They are afraid of the word change. This is a problem because they are short-sighted, but the difficulty is I don't know how to change their way of thinking."

The monarchy has not completely escaped calls for change. There have been at least three petitions, with a group of youths and even some members of the Sahwa, the staunchly conservative religious movement, calling for an elected consultative coun-

cil.

The only major street protest scheduled for March 11 largely fizzled — its organizers were anonymous and its stated goal of toppling the government lacked broad appeal. In the largely Shiite eastern provinces, though, police officers arrested scores of protesters.

The ruling princes have also moved against dissent in other ways, like imposing a new media law with punishments including a roughly \$140,000 fine for vaguely defined crimes like threatening national security.

Saudis of all stripes say that they are less concerned about democratic elections than about fixing chronic problems, including the lack of housing, unemployment that is officially 10 percent but likely 20 percent or more, corruption, bureaucratic incompetence and transparency on oil revenues.

The demand for change in the kingdom long ago evolved into a struggle between puritans and progressives over the country's future. So the debate prompted by the Arab uprisings is coursing through familiar battle lines here that pit Saudi against Saudi rather than Saudis against their government.

The ruling Saud clan has maintained absolute power by ensuring it remains the sole referee in that tussle, so change must emerge from the top. But even senior princes doubt that the very top is interested. The four or five senior royals with real power have also been slowed by illness.

"Unfortunately there is a minority in the royal family who doesn't want to change; they are a minority but they are influential," said Prince Talal, long the family gadfly, nicknamed the "Red Prince" in the 1960s.

King Abdullah, 87, is personally popular as a kind of national grandfather. His government has put in place what Saudi activists describe as random acts of reform — like improving elementary school education to include English and better science. □



Former Saudi Arabian political prisoners hold a gathering in a tent in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia is flexing its financial and diplomatic might across the Middle East in a wide-ranging bid to contain the tide of change, shield fellow monarchs from popular discontent and avert the overthrow of any more leaders struggling to calm turbulent republics.

(Ed Ou/The New York Times)

suits!" roared Mohamed al-Areefy, a popular young cleric, in a recent Friday sermon. Financial support to organizations that intellectuals dislike "was a way to cut out their tongues," he said.

Saudi Arabia, a close U.S.

other Arab nations to embrace democratic changes, it has remained largely silent on Saudi Arabia and the kingdom's efforts to squelch popular revolts in neighboring Bahrain and Oman. Saudi Arabia's efforts have succeeded in the

Anne Frank's tree is gone, but dispute remains

SALLY MCGRANE

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AMSTERDAM — From the window in the attic of her family's hiding place in Amsterdam, Anne Frank could see the crown of an old chestnut tree growing in a neighbor's garden. For two years, it was her only contact with nature.

The tree is gone now, having fallen during a storm in August, but its memory lives on — not in the diary but in a nasty dispute over its remains. Board members of the Support Anne Frank Tree foundation, the group responsible for the tree, are incensed with the contractor they hired to build a metal brace meant to extend the sick tree's life.

They accuse him of botching the job and killing the tree, and then stealing the tree's remains and leaving them to rot

instead of distributing them to the Jewish museums and other institutions around the world that would like to have them. Perhaps inevitably, given the context and the hard feelings

the matter has stirred, they have also accused him of acting like a Nazi.

The tree, which was more than 150 years old and suffering from a fungal infection, was

supposed to be felled several years ago. But a group of neighbors and arborists protested the city's decision.

"This tree was a monument of hope," said Helga Fassbinder, a member of the foundation board and a retired university professor whose house overlooked the tree. In 2008, the foundation assumed responsibility for the tree, which experts said could live another five to 15 years with the aid of a metal support.

Arnold Heertje, a board member, prominent Dutch economist and public figure known for his polemic stances, asked a local contractor, Rob van der Leij, to build the metal structure, which had been designed by a third party.

Heertje, who is Jewish, survived the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands as a child in hiding. □



The famous Anne Frank tree collapsed in Amsterdam, Aug. 23, 2010. The Support Anne Frank Tree foundation and a contractor are engaged in a bitter fight over costs and the remains of a chestnut tree that Anne Frank watched from the window in the attic of her family's hiding place.

(Herman Wouters/The New York Times)

Heat Wave

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Chicago reached 94 by midafternoon. The temperature hit 97 in LaGuardia, N.Y., breaking the old record of 96 set in 2008. Newark, N.J., reached 99 degrees, breaking a record of 97 set in 1999. Forecasters said it felt even hotter because of the high humidity. The ridge of high pressure that brought the broiling weather is expected to remain parked over the region through Thursday. "I'm staying in my house. I'm going to watch TV and have a cold beer," said 84-year-old Harvey Milliman of Manchester, N.J. "You got a better idea than that, I'd love to hear it." Youngsters sweltered in Hartford, Conn., where school would have ended for the summer by now if not for the heavy snows last winter that led to makeup days. □

House Democrats step up calls for Weiner to quit

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WASHINGTON — House Democratic leaders began an orchestrated effort on Wednesday to force Rep. Anthony D. Weiner of New York to resign his seat, saying his sexually explicit Internet messages and subsequent lies about them were making him, and the party, the subject of ridicule.

The push came as an angry Rep. Nancy Pelosi, the minority leader from California, concluded that Weiner was becoming too much of a problem for his colleagues as they planned to retake the House in 2012.

The first — and most notable — call for Weiner's resigna-



Rep. Anthony Weiner, carries groceries to his apartment in Queens, NY.

(Paul Taggart/The New York Times)

tion came on Wednesday afternoon from Rep. Allyson Y. Schwartz, D-Pa., a Pelosi ally who is overseeing the recruitment of the party's candidates for the 2012 election cycle. "Having the respect of your constituents is fundamental for a member of Congress," she said in a statement re-

leased by her office. "In light of Anthony Weiner's offensive behavior online, he should resign." After Schwartz, a parade of rank-and-file Democrats across the country joined in, including Mike Ross of Arkansas, Michael H. Michaud of Maine, Niki Tsongas of

Massachusetts, Larry Kissell of North Carolina and Joe Donnelly of Indiana.

Ross, after a speech in his district, said, "I'm very disappointed in his actions."

"I think he should resign immediately," he added, "and I think all the appropriate authorities should investigate this matter."

Hours earlier, Rep. Steve Israel of New York, the chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, spoke to Weiner by phone, bluntly expressing frustration that Weiner's political standing was deteriorating as new and more embarrassing details of his online relationships were emerging.

On Wednesday morning, a photo surfaced on Twitter that was said to be an image of Weiner's genitals that he had sent to a woman online.

Democrats said additional prominent party leaders would step forward with a similar message if he refused to step down.

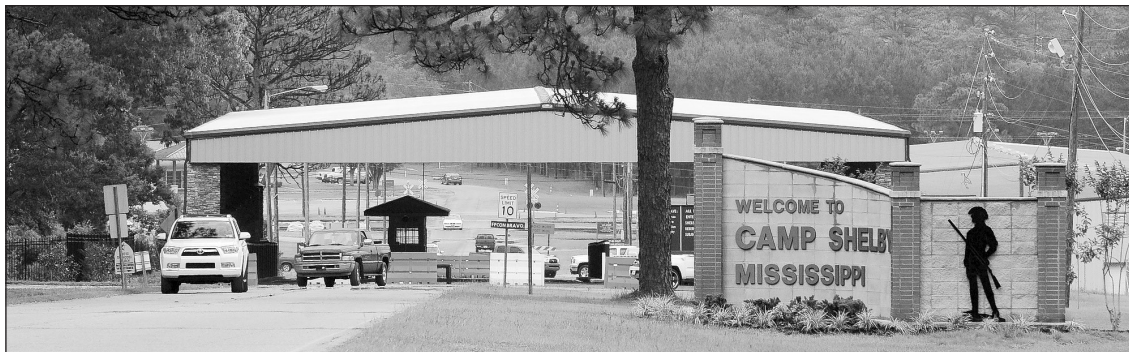
Pelosi was especially furious over Weiner's initial efforts to mislead the public about his interactions with the women he met online; she had expressed confidence in him last week when he told the news media that he had been the victim of an online hacker.

Tim Kaine, the former chairman of the Democratic National Committee, who is running for the Senate from Virginia, also called for Weiner to go. □

Lightning hits US military base; 77 to hospital

CAMP SHELBY, Mississippi (AP) — Two Air Force Reserve cadets were taken to a hospital by ambulance and 75 others by bus after a lightning strike Wednesday at a southern Mississippi military training base, a spokeswoman said.

Air Force Reserve cadets from around the country were at the Joint Forces Training Center for two weeks of work, said Army National Guard Maj. Deidre Musgrave. All were responsive and stable after the lightning hit about 2 p.m., she said. County emergency operations director Terry Steed told a National Weather Service forecaster that nobody was directly hit when lightning hit a power pole near tents. All were taken to hospitals as a precaution, said Mike Edmonston, a senior meteo-



Traffic moves near the front gate of Camp Shelby near Hattiesburg, Mississippi on Wednesday, June 8, 2011. Two Air Force Reserve cadets were taken to a hospital by ambulance and 75 others by bus after a lightning strike Wednesday at a southern Mississippi military training base, a spokeswoman said.

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rologist in Jackson.

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Firefighters struggle to restrain Arizona wildfire

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SPRINGVILLE, Ariz. —

The massive wildfire that continued its surge Wednesday through eastern Arizona was sending burning embers miles downwind, igniting dozens of smaller fires that required the urgent attention of firefighters and raising the prospect of the fire greatly extending its 11-day run, authorities said.

“Our biggest concern are spot fires,” said Jim Whittington, a spokesman for the interagency group fighting the blaze, known as the Wallow Fire, which had spread to nearly 400,000 acres.

As he spoke from a command center in Springville, several miles from the front line of the fire, tiny specks of black ash blew around him.



Safety officer Kurt Schierenbeck opens a gate as the Wallow Fire approaches Eagar Ariz., on June 8, 2011. A raging forest fire in eastern Arizona has scorched an area the size of Phoenix, threatening thousands of residents and emptying towns as the flames raced toward New Mexico.

(AP Photo/ The Arizona Republic, Michael Chow)

At more than 600 square miles, the fire is larger than the land areas of New York City and Chicago combined. And

it will most likely continue to grow.

A map of the unruly fire shows a bright red, multi-tentacled

mass extending across the Apache and Sitgreaves National Forests. But Whittington pointed out the tiny red dots beyond the front lines of the fire representing spot fires that, if not controlled, would extend the main fire's march

to the northeast across the New Mexico state line.

One spot fire east of Alpine, Ariz., was already a quarter-mile across, Whittington said. “We’re going to do our best to catch everything,” he said. “We want to dampen down any runs the fire wants to make.”

Despite the work of more than 2,500 firefighters, the Wallow Fire was zero percent contained, meaning that it continued to have the potential to extend in any direction.

The southern part of Eagar, a town at the edge of the White Mountains, was evacuated Tuesday afternoon. Residents in the rest of the town and in adjacent Springville were told to prepare to get out. Meanwhile, two additional high-priority firefighting teams were preparing to join the battle.

“I’m not going to say confident,” Whittington said of the current mood of those struggling to contain the blaze. “There’s no guarantee with fires.” □

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Banks fail in Senate vote over debit card fees

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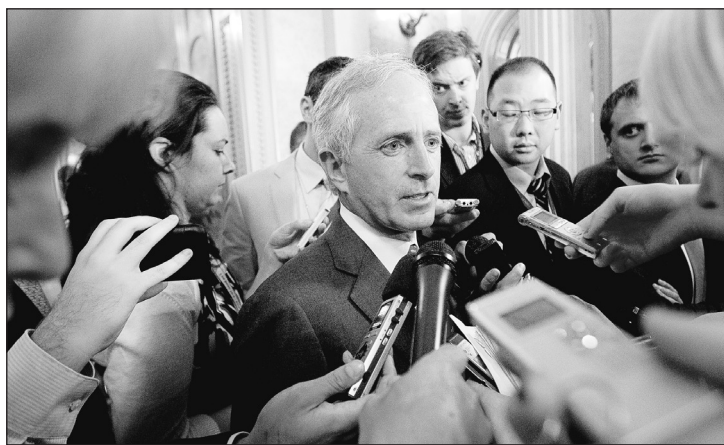
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WASHINGTON — The Senate refused Wednesday to delay new rules that would sharply cut the fees that banks can charge retailers to process debit card transactions. The debit card rules were a major part of the Dodd-Frank financial regulation law passed last year. The Senate vote was one of the strongest challenges so far to the new law. Although 54 senators voted in favor of the delay, the measure failed to garner the 60 votes that were required for it to pass under Senate rules. Forty-five senators voted against the measure, which was sponsored by Sen. Jon Tester, a Montana Democrat who is facing a tough re-election

battle next year, and Sen. Bob Corker, a Tennessee Republican.

Even with the defeat, the vote represented a remarkable come-from-behind lobbying campaign by banks to recover from the anti-Wall Street drubbing they took during last year's debate over financial regulation. The debit card measure, sponsored by Sen. Richard J. Durbin, an Illinois Democrat, passed last year by a 2-to-1 ratio after little debate and no hearings.

The Wednesday vote, which followed a vigorous floor debate, was a victory for retailers, who have complained that banks and the companies that control the largest debit card networks, Visa and MasterCard, have consistently raised the fees on debit card transac-



Sen. Bob Corker (R-Tenn.) speaks to reporters on Capitol Hill in Washington, on June 8, 2011. The Senate rejected a delay proposed by Corker and Sen. Jon Tester (D-Mont.) to Dodd-Frank rules for reducing bank charges to retailers on debit transactions. (Philip Scott Andrews/The New York Times). - XNYT90

tions even as the market has grown rapidly and technology costs have declined. Those fees topped \$20 billion last year, according to industry reports.

The Federal Reserve, as guid-

ed by the new law, had proposed rules that would cut the average debit card processing fee to seven to 12 cents per transaction, from 44 cents currently. Though Congress exempted small banks with

less than \$10 billion in assets from the new limits, banking regulators warned that such a two-tiered fee system among banks would not be competitive. Opponents of the delay said that all but 100 banks and three credit unions would be exempt from the fee restrictions.

The new regulations are scheduled to take effect by July 21, and the Federal Reserve, which received more than 11,000 comments on its proposals, has said that it intends to meet the deadline.

The vote also provided a victory for Durbin, who managed to keep his debit-free measure intact despite 12 senators' switching their vote from supporting him last summer to now seeking to delay the debit fee caps. □

Feds seek life in prison for 4 in NYC bomb plot

TOM HAYS

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Four men caught in an elaborate FBI sting plotting to blow up New York City synagogues and shoot down military planes were "ticking time bombs" who needed to be taken off the streets and put behind bars for life, federal prosecutors said Wednesday in court papers. James Cromitie, David Williams, Onta Williams and Laguerre Payen were found guilty last year of conspiracy to use weapons of mass destruction and other charges. Their lawyers have argued they deserve a break because they were under the spell of a paid FBI informant posing

as an Islamic extremist and promising a big payday, and that they never posed an actual threat. In a memo filed in anticipation of the sentencing of three of the men next week in federal court in Manhattan, prosecutors countered that it doesn't matter that they never had access to real weapons and were under close watch the whole time.

"Few people in the world would agree to do such horrible things," the government wrote in asking a judge to impose life sentences. "Not for money. Not for anything. ... From the FBI's perspective, leaving people susceptible to such recruitment on the streets, like ticking time

bombs, is unimaginable no matter how long the odds."

The men's trial featured 13 days of testimony by undercover informant Shahed Hussain, a Pakistani immigrant who the FBI assigned in 2008 to infiltrate a mosque in Newburgh, about an hour north of New York. After meeting Cromitie at the mosque, Hussain told him he was a representative of a Pakistani terror organization that was eager to finance a holy war on U.S. soil. Prosecutors told jurors that in meetings with Hussain, Cromitie hatched the scheme to blow up the synagogues in the Bronx with remote-controlled bombs and shoot down cargo planes at the Air National

Guard base in Newburgh with heat-seeking missiles. They said he also recruited the other men to be lookouts with promises of money. Onta and David Williams are not related.

Agents arrested the men in 2009 after they planted the devices — fakes supplied by the FBI — in the Riverdale section of the Bronx while under heavy surveillance.

In one of several videos played at trial, the men were seen inspecting a shoulder missile launcher in a bugged warehouse in Connecticut two weeks before the planned attack. At the end of the tape, Cromitie, two of his cohorts and the informant bow their heads in prayer.

Jurors also heard tapes of Cromitie ranting against Jews and U.S. military aggression in the Middle East "I'm ready to do this damn thing," Cromitie said on one tape. "Anything for the cause." Defense attorneys have argued the FBI overreached by targeting desperate, down-and-out dupes who were only in it for the petty cash and meals the informant gave them. Cromitie, they said, constantly wavered and even purposely disappeared for six weeks before finally agreeing to go forward with the plan. But prosecutors said Wednesday in the end, Cromitie "showed up again with renewed vigor" to carry out the plot. □

After 40 years, the complete Pentagon Papers

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It may be a first in the annals of government secrecy: Declassifying documents to mark the anniversary of their leak to the press. But that is what will happen Monday, when the federal government plans to finally release the secret government study of the Vietnam War known as the Pentagon Papers 40 years after it was first published by The New York Times.

At first blush, it sounds like the release of one of the worst-kept secrets in history – finally unlocking the barn door four decades after the horses bolted.

The study, after all, has already been published by The Times and other newspapers, resulting in a landmark First Amendment decision by the Supreme Court.

It has been released in book form more than once. But it turns out that those texts have been incomplete: When all 7,000 pages are released Monday, officials say, the study can finally be read in its original form.

That it took until the era of WikiLeaks for the government to declassify the Pentagon Papers struck some participants as, to say the least, curious.

“It’s absurd,” said Daniel Ellsberg, the former RAND Corp. analyst who worked on the report and later provided it to The Times. He said Tuesday that the report should not have been secret even in 1971, when newspapers first published it, adding: “The reasons are very clearly domestic political reasons, not national security at all. The reasons for the prolonged secrecy are to conceal the fact that so much of the policymaking doesn’t bear public examination. It’s embarrassing, or even incriminating.”

When Ellsberg first leaked the study, he had to take it volume by volume out of a safe in his office, and ferry it to a small advertising company owned by the girlfriend of a colleague who had a Xerox



An undated photo of the cover of The New York Times after a ruling by the Supreme Court allowed publication of the Pentagon Papers to resume. On June 13, the federal government plans to finally release the secret government study of the Vietnam War known as the Pentagon Papers 40 years after it was first published by The New York Times.

(The New York Times)

machine. Page by page, they copied it in all-night sessions. Now the National Archives and Records Administration will scan it and – behold – it will be online quickly.

Leslie H. Gelb, the president emeritus of the Council on Foreign Relations, director of the task force that wrote the report, said he was surprised it had remained officially classified all these years, after so much of it had been made

lease itself. Archivists touched off a new round of feverish speculation when they originally announced that 11 never-before-published words of the 7,000-page report would remain redacted all these years later, only to reverse themselves and announce Tuesday that the 11 words would be published after all.

So what were the mysterious 11 words? Archivists originally joked that they would hold

diplomats.

“The criticism of their redacting the 11 words in the first place is that it’s self defeating,” Blanton said.

“You’re just flagging them for everyone to identify what they are.”

The bigger question is what new material will be made public for the first time. Several archivists who have seen the complete report declined invitations to repeat history and leak the full version Pentagon Papers to The Times. But there are some indications of what will be in it.

Until now, the complete text of the report – officially known as the Report of the OSD Vietnam Task Force – has been as elusive to researchers as a clean copy of Hamlet has been to generations of Shakespeare scholars. The version Ellsberg provided to the press was incomplete. A book published by Beacon Press, based on a copy from Sen. Mike Gravel of Alaska, had missing sections. And a version published by the government was heavily redacted.

When Ellsberg originally leaked the Pentagon Papers, he did so because he wanted to stop the Vietnam War – so he left out sections about peace negotiations with North Vietnam. “I omitted them because I thought that Nixon would use the release as an excuse for breaking off negotiations with North Vietnam,” he said in an interview. “I frankly didn’t want to give him that excuse.”

Those sections about the negotiations had been declassified for years. □



Employees prepare pages of the July 1, 1971 issue of The New York Times after a ruling by the Supreme Court allowed publication of the Pentagon Papers to resume, in New York, June 30, 1971.

(Tyrone Dukes/The New York Times)

public. “It should have been declassified a long, long time ago,” he said.

But the secrecy has persisted. Timothy Naftali, the director of the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum, said that when he recently put together an exhibit on Watergate, he wanted to display just the blue cover of the Pentagon Papers report. “I was told that the cover was classified,” he said, adding that he was astounded.

There is intrigue even in the re-

a Mad Libs contest, to see who could guess them. But even though the 11 words will be published after all, they have not said what they were – sparking a bit of a guessing game.

Thomas S. Blanton, the director of the National Security Archive at George Washington University, said he guessed the words had something to do with intelligence capabilities, or references to people who are still alive who had been sources, or North Vietnamese

Prosecutor says Blagojevich lied

KAREN HAWKINS
MICHAEL TARM

Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — A federal prosecutor began making final arguments Wednesday at the corruption retrial of Rod Blagojevich, telling jurors that the ousted Illinois governor lied to their faces for seven days on the witness stand. Occasionally hitting her fist on a lectern as she spoke, government attorney Carrie Hamilton stepped to the center of the courtroom to address the panelists who have sat through six weeks of testimony.

“The defendant lied to you under oath in this courtroom,” she said, countering Blagojevich’s own first words to jurors that he was there “to tell you the truth.”

Hamilton several times pointed across the room at Blagojevich, who appeared upset, shaking his head, looking down at the defense table or leaning over to whisper to his attorneys. His wife, Patti, sat nearby occasionally furrowing her brow, her brother’s arm around her shoulder.

The prosecutor also referred back to oaths that Blagojevich took as governor that he would fulfill his duties honestly and according to the law. “What you have learned in court at this trial is that time and time again, the defendant violated that oath,” Hamilton said. “He used his powers as governor to try to get things for him.”

Blagojevich, 54, faces 20 counts, including attempted extortion and conspiracy to commit bribery. The most serious allegation is that he sought to sell or trade President Barack Obama’s vacated U.S. Senate seat. He’s also accused of trying to shake down executives by threatening state decisions that would hurt their businesses.

Throughout, Hamilton likened Blagojevich to a corrupt traffic officer who would stop drivers and press them to hand over \$50 to avoid a ticket. The mere act of an officer asking for money to tear up a ticket, Hamilton told jurors, is the crime. □



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Aruba International Film Festival kicks off

“50 Cent” to attend 2nd Annual Aruba Film Festival

PALM BEACH - Get ready for the second installment of the Aruba International Film Festival which promises to be as star-studded as last year's inaugural event, with actors and filmmakers from around the world descending on Aruba to take part in the festival and interact with fans. The film industry's newest “must-attend” event, taking place June 10-16, 2011, furthers global awareness of Aruba as a center of art, culture and creativity and serves as a platform to promote the understanding and appreciation for the art of cinema and filmmaking.

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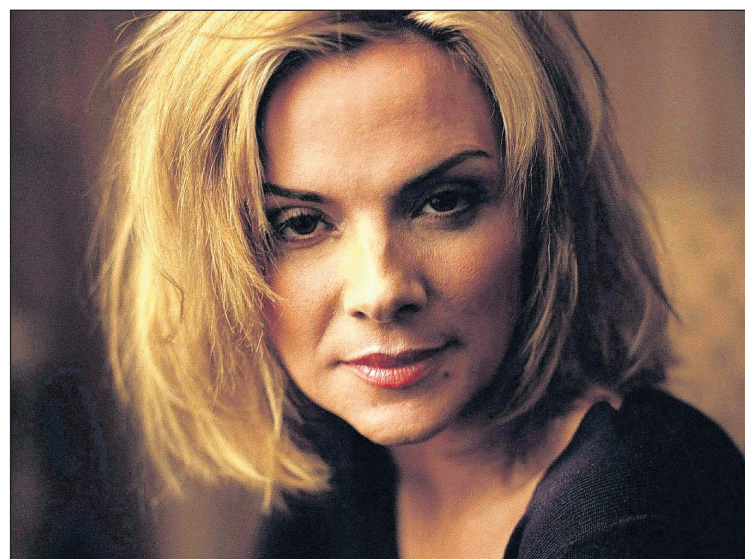
PALM BEACH - The AIFF is a 7-day event on the picturesque island of Aruba with expected attendance by many of the industry's most successful A-Listers. Recognized talent will share their work with a sophisticated and discerning audience from around the world.

FESTIVAL DIRECTOR: Claudio Masenz

Claudio Masenza has been a prominent member of the International film community

for over 30 years. He has written and directed major screenplays and documentaries for both film and television.

His directorial reputation is respected all over Europe as well as the United States by top celebrities and leaders in the cinematic field. He has had a great deal of experience in the inner workings of film festivals, having been an integral part of both the Roma Europa Festival and the prestigious Venice Film Festival.



EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS: Jonathan Vieira & Giuseppe Cioccarelli

Jonathan Vieira “The Aruba International Film Festival, AIFF, is expecting thousands of people from all around the globe to enjoy the prestigious and luxurious resort community of Aruba and sample the good life the AIFF experience offers.

The friendly character of the island will set the tone for the Festival's inviting ambiance.

AIFF is not just any other festival, but one that connects the audience, the movies and the moviemakers.

Giuseppe Cioccarelli “It is my hope that through efforts such as the AIFF, Aruba will become known not only as an idyllic vacation destination with its perfect sand beaches but also as a center for culture and cinematography.

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Aruba Hospitality & Security Foundation

Tourism security expert to speak on Aruba

ORANJESTAD - The Aruba Hospitality & Security Foundation (AH&SF) was founded on June 1st, 2001 by Jan van Nes and Roland Peterson as members of the AHATA security committee.

There was a need for more security and visibility of police officers in the hotels area and AHATA was concerned that the response time after incidents was not in line with what was expected of a quality destination.

To commemorate the event the AH&SF has invited renowned international tourism security guru Dr. Peter Tarlow to speak about Tourism Security

and the marketing of same on June 13, 2011 at the Occidental Grand Aruba. Dr. Peter Tarlow will also be speaking about the role of Tourism Security in economically challenging times.

The Role of Tourism Security in Economically Challenging Times

Despite some of the optimistic talk of global economic recovery, the highest likelihood is that the tourism industry still has several challenging months or even years ahead of it.

Often when the economy is down we not only forget to be ‘up’ but we tend to cut back

where we ought not to be cutting back.

The same is true of communities throughout the world. For example, numerous communities have cut back on their marketing campaigns precisely during a period when they ought to be expanding these campaigns.

Another area that unfortunately is being curtailed is police and security departments. Based on the false premise that security adds nothing to the bottom line, police departments and professional security agencies have seen their budgets curtailed precisely when they were most needed.

This police and security cut-back is especially challenging to every form of tourism: from hotels to attractions, from restaurants to transportation providers.

To help you place this need in perspective, consider the following:

Never forget that no one ever needs to take a vacation- While business travelers may have to go to places that they would prefer to avoid, the leisure traveler can choose to go somewhere else or simply stay at home. Despite the fact that the travel industry does not like the word, the ‘staycation’ is becoming a part of our



Dr. Peter Tarlow

economic landscape. It only takes one incident to destroy the sense of security that visitors demand.

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The diversity of the Island's population makes it an ideal place to see films from around the world mirrored in the faces of the Aruban people. At our international press conference in Los Angeles in February, Aruba will be seen for the first time in an entirely different, and powerful, demographic market, that of the international film community."

OUR MULTI-NATIONAL PUBLICITY TEAM: Rogers & Cowan & on Aruba: Patrizia Gelvatti

Rogers & Cowan is the long-time leader in the creation of highly innovative, strategically targeted media campaigns within the area of entertainment, public relations and marketing with well-connected offices in Los Angeles, New York and London.

"Working in tandem with



AIFF's senior executive team, we will cultivate an excellent working relationship and implement a strategic media relations campaign aimed at securing broadcast, print and electronic outlets that cover business, entertainment, consumer and trade interests."

Patrizia Gelvatti: Former Director of Publicity, United International Pictures Italy

"The Aruba International Film Festival is a perfect combination of a beautiful location, great people, great venues

and a wonderful mix of films. Aruba International Film Festival will be like a festival in Paradise."

FESTIVAL PROGRAMMER: Margherita di Paola Margherita Di Paola is a highly successful public relations

professional in the international film market.

With a 360-degree knowledge of the film-making process her range of action runs from being a post-production workflow expert to an experienced player in film promotion.

Margherita's vast network of key contacts, developed over the years, represents a valuable resource in the extremely fast-paced, highly competitive Hollywood scene. Margherita has conducted strategic negotiations with Studio reps, talent agencies, independent producers, and crucial players in the distribution entourage. She served as the US correspondent for the 65th VENICE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL. Her success in this role led to her appointment as Programmer of the ARUBA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL where she manages relations with the Heads of International Theatrical Distribution. □

Tourism Security

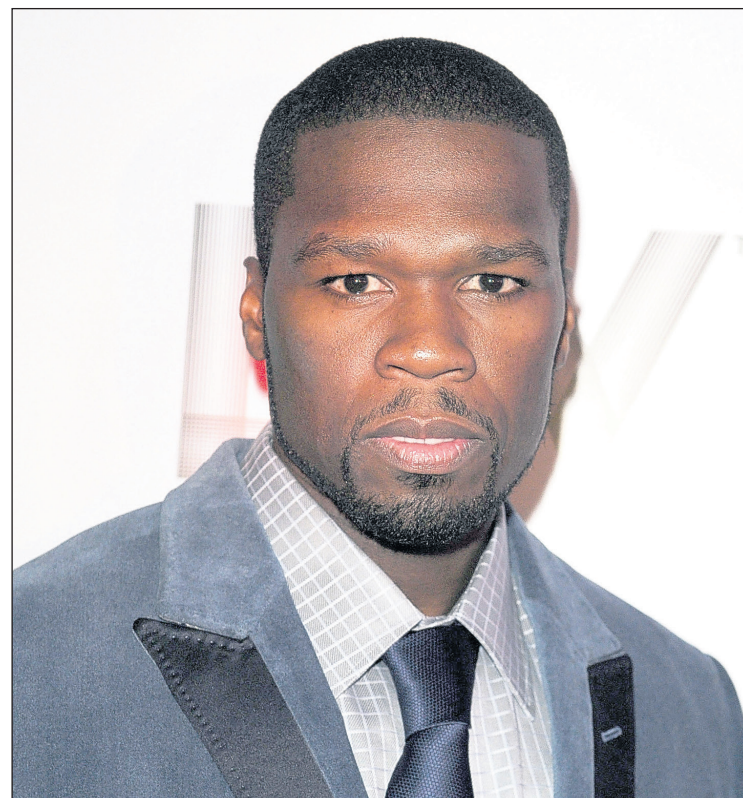
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Without tourism security even the best marketing will fail. Numerous studies have demonstrated that the tourism market can be easily scared. Even before September 11, 2001 visitors wanted to know if a locale provides good tourism security. Tourism security is not just about putting police on the streets, it is also about making sure that food is safe, that pandemics do not decimate an industry or that a location's reputation is not destroyed by panhandlers or prostitution.

The lecture of Dr. Tarlow will take place on June 13 at the Occidental from 09.00 – 10.30 am and is aimed to attract Hotel General Managers, security directors, press/ media and leading decision makers within our community. Interested parties can contact Dario Somers at 738-8888 or dario@arubasecurityfoundation.org A brainstorming session with the AH&SF, ATA, AHATA and top Police Management is planned to determine the course of the AH&SF in 2011 and beyond. □

50 CENT TO ATTEND ARUBA FILM FESTIVAL

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With participants enjoying a relaxed Aruban ambiance and a casual interaction between filmmakers and audience, the annual AIFF will bring people from around the world to view a wide selection of films, join in discussions and attend special parties and events.

AIFF has a mission to encourage, educate and activate young Aruban filmmakers. Throughout the Festival, notable film professionals will be conducting master classes on all facets of filmmaking and the creative process.

It was announced recently that rapper, actor and multi-tiered business mogul Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson will be attending the 2nd Annual Aruba International Film Festival (AIFF) for the red

carpet premiere of his latest feature film, "Things Fall Apart." The announcement was made by AIFF founders and producers Giuseppe Cioccarelli and Jonathan Vieira and artistic director Claudio Masenza.

"Things Fall Apart" is scheduled to screen at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14th at the Paseo Herencia. 50 Cent will be on AIFF's famed red carpet. The film is a touching and inspirational story about a man who loses everything, but gains the world. Director Mario Van Peebles ("Baadasssss!" "New Jack City") stirs emotions and brings the story to life combining intense action with identifiably heartwarming characters. An astonishingly emotional and heartfelt star turn from 50 Cent anchors the film, which he co-wrote with Grand Rapids-born filmmaker Brian A. Miller through his Cheetah Vision Films banner.

Recognized as one of the most talented and prolific musical artists of his time, Curtis Jackson (aka 50 Cent) has managed to leverage his star power into record-breaking brand extensions encompassing a broad spectrum of businesses, cementing his position in the entertainment industry as both a business and entertainment powerhouse.

In 2005, Jackson made his feature film debut with "Get Rich or Die Tryin'," a loosely biographical picture which chronicled his life growing up in poverty and surrounded by negative influences on the streets of Queens, New York, as he rose to stardom as a rap star. Jackson continues to expand his film repertoire. He appeared in the Golden Globe-nominated war drama "Home of the Brave" and has numerous projects in the release pipeline. Jackson exploded on the music scene in 2003 and has been rewriting hip-hop history ever since. "Get Rich or Die Tryin'," his debut album, made history when it sold 872,000 copies to break the record for first-week sales of any major label debut in the entire SoundScan era. It was a No. 1 Billboard album for six weeks and was certified platinum nine times by the Recording Industry Association of America. To date, Jackson has sold more than 22 million albums worldwide and received numerous awards and 11 Grammy nominations. His third album, "Curtis," released in September 2007, dominated the album charts by selling over one million copies worldwide. □

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Music Students excel at “Scol di Musica Rufo Wever”



ORANJESTAD - The last week of May 2011, the music school of Aruba “Scol di Musica Rufo Wever” again organized a week with examinations of her students, for the 9th time this year. Music students from Catherine

Provence-Hanrath, Johnny Croes, Franklin Granadillo and Rob Rijnbout presented themselves before an invited audience. It has been a fruitful week for the students, the audience and the teachers. □

On Friday, June 10 Its herring time at Café the Plaza!

ORANJESTAD - One of the most traditional Dutch happenings in the culinary year is ‘Haringhappen’, the eating of raw, newly caught herrings. Holding the fish by the tail after dipping it in finely chopped onions and letting it slide inside is the way to eat this delicacy.

Although the custom dates back many centuries, the festive day when the first new herrings are brought it is celebrated in all of Holland. And of course Aruba, with its strong ties to the Netherlands, is not lagging behind: the new herrings, fat and juicy and flown in fresh as can be, can be sampled to your heart’s content at Café the Plaza on Friday, June 10. And more good news: the 2011 herrings are extraordinary and bursting with taste due to the warm days of spring.



Balashi Beer will accompany the festive ‘Haringhappen’ evening at Café the Plaza; for those who are not fond of the fish, there are ‘kibbelingen met tartaarsaus’, fried fish fingers with tartar sauce and, also a delicacy, smoked eels. The traditional ‘haringkar’, a cart, will be there!

The herring evening at Café the Plaza in the Renaissance Marketplace starts at 6 pm. □

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Sea Turtle nests are hatching on Aruba



PALM BEACH - One of the first Leatherback nests of the 2011 season has hatched after 66 days of incubation. Just before sunset 80 tiny hatchlings left their nest at the Low Rise Hotel area. A big crowd of onlookers witnessed how the small sea turtles scurried to the sea. Already at 3.00 PM a guest of Costa Linda noticed that something was happening in the nest: she saw a dimple that had not been there before and the sand in the indentation was moving every now and then! A phone call was made to the Turtle Hotline and volunteers of Turtugaruba came at once to watch and see, and to explain what was happening. After some time three or four tiny heads appeared in the dimple, they looked like small black stones. It is still rather hot and the hatchlings will wait till the temperature drops a little bit.

And then at six o'clock the first hatchling breaks free from the nest. The emergence is surprising: all at once the entire group wells up, it looks like a fountain. Within half an hour all tiny hatchlings have gone. They swim just beneath the surface of the sea, because they have to breathe regularly. As fast as they can they swim away from the coast to the open ocean, where are less predators (fishes, birds) that will eat them. Just 1 out of 1000 hatchlings will reach maturity and if that one happens to be a female, she will return to the beach where she herself was born to lay her eggs. The first time will be after 20 – 25 years. (that long it takes for a Leatherback Sea Turtle to reach maturity!) Also in Parke Arikok the first Leatherback nests have hatched. There are a lot of nests on the beaches at that

side of Aruba, but they are not marked by the barricades. It is very important that nobody will drive on the beach with quadracers nor 4WD's, because driving will damage the eggs. Besides, driving on Aruba's beaches is not allowed and prohibited by Law. The coming weeks more nests will hatch. If hatching takes



place at twilight or after sunset, at night, please do not use any lights and absolutely NO FLASH photography. Hatchlings are disoriented by artificial lights and will not find the sea anymore. Do not touch the hatchlings. They have to

make their own way to the sea in order to remember the location of their native beach at adulthood.

To report any turtle activity, please call Turtle Hotline 5929393. Info: turtugaruba@hotmail.com □

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LED Aruba Speed Meters to be placed

ORANJESTAD - The speed meter will be placed in different areas of our community encouraging our citizens to drive safer and slower.

It is more than just a board reminding you to slow down, it is a Public alert to everyone that the law is being broken and other people's lives are being put at risk. It also states that the community is willing to be part of a safer island not waiting for the government to do all the work.

The speed meter is a new form of technology

that uses very little energy to the point that we are going green in this beautiful project. The speed meter is also very eye catching which our tourists will enjoy seeing it and feeling secure while driving, Aruba is being taken a step up in many aspects and this is one of those great things.

I feel the community and our families should embrace this gift.

We thank Mr. Marcolino "Nilo" Croes, owner of the house where the first meter is being placed for his support to this great cause. □

Despite dangers, Fukushima is magnet for Japan laborers

HIROKO TABUCHI

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IWAKI-YUMOTO, Japan — Just after 6 a.m. in this still sleepy hot spring town, bleary-eyed workers emerged from their inns, ready to board buses to return to their daily battle to contain the crisis at the stricken Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant. Some men are local technicians who have worked at the plant for years; others are construction workers who have traveled here from across Japan to clear radioactive debris, fix leaking pipes and fill an ever growing need for fresh labor at the site, devastated in the March 11 quake and tsunami.

Despite the dangers at Fukushima, laborers from across Japan are traveling to the plant in search of work during the country's harsh economic downturn. Some workers at Iwaki-Yumoto traveled here from as far away as Kyushu, over 600 miles away, transforming the little hot spring resort into a major hub for migrant labor.

The prolonged battle to stabilize the power plant has cast a harsh light on the labor practices of an industry that has long relied on informal contract labor for many of its more dangerous and taxing jobs.

Of about 2,500 workers at the plant, all but 300 of them are hires of subcontractors and subsubcontractors who receive little job security, benefits or insurance for injuries or the effects of radiation.

Unwinding for the night, workers described the arduous work at the site, constrict-

ed by bulky protective suits and suffocating masks.

They constantly check radiation levels on their dosimeters, they said, and are dogged by fears of further accidents at the plant's still volatile reactors.

Last month, a contract worker in his 60s collapsed after carrying heavy equipment in a waste disposal building at the site.

Tokyo Electric Power Co., the plant's operator, said that they did not detect unsafe radiation

company, which is affiliated with Hitachi, saying he did not want to get his bosses in trouble with Tokyo Electric.

His company puts him up seven to a room at a nearby inn, he said. At Fukushima Daiichi, he helps build scaffolding at the crippled No.4 reactor.

His shift is short, only about three hours long — common for nuclear workers — but the hourlong drive to and from a staging area, where he dons the protective suits, lengthens

Japanese economy had slipped back into recession. Joblessness is on the rise.

Though workers interviewed were reluctant to talk about pay, a search on the Web reveals jobs at Fukushima Dai-ichi paying as little as 200,000 yen a month for positions like "remote robot operator" and "general workman," which would come to just under \$30,000 a year.

By contrast, the average Tokyo Electric employee makes \$94,000 a year, according to



The town of Iwaki-Yumoto, a hot spring resort near the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, in the Fukushima prefecture, Japan, June 8, 2011. Despite the dangers at Fukushima, laborers from across Japan are traveling to the plant in search of work during the country's harsh economic downturn.

(Kosuke Okahara/The New York Times)

levels on his body; workers at Iwaki-Yumoto speculated that he might have suffered from heat stroke.

"Underneath your suit and mask, you're drenched with sweat," said one 20-year-old worker, still in a pale-blue uniform, washing socks and underwear at a tiny laundromat. He, like other workers, did not give his name or that of his

his working day.

"You wake up, you go to the plant, you come back, you eat, you bathe, you sleep. There's no time for anything else," he said. Still, he was glad to have work; there are few good jobs in his native Fukuoka, on the southernmost island of Kyushu, he said.

Earlier this month, government figures showed that the

Nensyu Labo, an online personnel research company.

This setup has long allowed Tokyo Electric to transfer risk to subcontractors and their poorly paid, poorly trained employees, endangering their health and undermining safety at Japan's 55 nuclear reactors, said Takeo Kinoshita, a labor expert at the Showa Women's University in Tokyo. □

Tunisia postpones elections for three months

DAVID D. KIRKPATRICK

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CAIRO — The interim Tunisian government postponed Wednesday the first election since the ouster in January of the former dictator Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, citing technical problems for the delay but also inevitably reshuffling Tunisian political dynamics.

The decision, in the nation whose unex-

pected uprising ignited the revolts sweeping the Arab world, pushes the scheduled vote for a constituent assembly to Oct. 23 from July 24.

The deferral is likely to bolster the fortunes of the dozens of new political parties still scrambling to organize, perhaps at the expense of their better established rivals, both liberal and Islamist.

For just that reason, the postponement is

also reverberating in Cairo, where many liberals want to push back the first election since the ouster of Hosni Mubarak — now scheduled for September — because they fear that Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood has a decisive organizing edge.

In Tunisia, the leading liberal faction, the Progressive Democratic Party, and the main Islamist party, Al Nahda, initially opposed the postponement. □

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He said America now faces the international Muslim community. "Our brothers who are working in Islam in all places, I tell you that our hands are extended to you and our hearts are open to you, so that we can work together to make Allah's word the highest and to make Islamic law in Muslim lands the ruler, not the ruled," he said in a video released on militant websites. Al-Qaida has long sought to topple many of the Arab leaders whose regimes have been shaken or toppled by popular uprisings this year, though militant Islam has played next to no role in any of them and most activists say they seek civil, not religious rule.

Within days of the bin Laden raid, al-Qaida had issued a statement vowing to keep fighting the United States, a message that was likely designed to convince followers that the organization would remain vigorous and intact even after its founder's demise. But al-Zawahri's eulogy was the first comment by one of his potential successors on bin Laden's killing.

He also said U.S. officials withheld the release of photographs of bin Laden's body, fearing the "Islamic peoples' anger and hate" for America. He claimed bin Laden "achieved what he wanted to do, which is to incite the Islamic nation to holy war, and his message had reached all."

Al-Zawahri, who is Egyptian, is a less charismatic figure believed to lack bin Laden's ability to bring together the many nationalities and ethnic groups that make up al-Qaida. His appointment as the next al-Qaida leader could further fracture an organization that is thought to be increasingly decentralized. The eulogy included five poems of praise for bin Laden, describing him alternately as modest, noble and shrewd commander and "the vanguard of jihad against the communists and then the Crusaders," a reference to bin Laden's campaign in the Afghan war against the Soviets in the 1980s and the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks against the United States. □



Amina Arraf propaganda

Syrian-American blogger's existence questioned: AP

C. TORCHIA

Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP)—The existence of a blogger who claimed to be a Syrian-American lesbian came into question on Wednesday after a woman in Britain said photographs circulating on the Internet were of her, not the blogger supposedly in Damascus.

A representative for Jelena Lecic said the London woman first learned her likeness was being used on the Facebook account of a blogger known as Amina Arraf when her photo was linked to article about Arraf in the Guardian newspaper on Tuesday.

The article reported that the blogger, known for frank posts about her sexuality and open criticism of President Bashar Assad's autocratic rule, was detained after weeks on the run in the Syrian capital. The Associated Press and The New York Times also reported the story, citing reports by an activist and a blog post purportedly written by Arraf's cousin, Rania Ismail. According to Ismail, Arraf was last seen Monday being bundled into a car by three men in civilian clothes as she was on her way to meet someone at the activist Local Coordination Committees. Ismail said a friend accompanying her was nearby and saw what happened.

The activist with the Local Coordination Committees, a group which helps documents the protests calling for an end to the Assad regime, had confirmed to the AP Tuesday that Arraf was taken. The activist spoke on condition of anonymity, fearing retribution from the regime. □

Haitians clean up after storm; deaths at 25

TRENTON DANIEL

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti

(AP) — Haitians cleaned up homes and streets Wednesday as rains let up and rivers receded following an early summer storm that caused flooding, wrecked homes and killed more than two dozen people. Haiti's Civil Protection Department said the death toll from seven days of rain climbed to 25 and was likely to increase as Haitians searched for relatives feared dead.

Two deaths were added to the list Wednesday after residents found the bodies of a man and woman at the bottom of a ravine, said Edgar Joseph, a spokesman for the Civil Protection Department. He said six people were still missing. Days of steady rain turned into a violent storm Monday that triggered widespread mudslides and floods in Haiti. The storm system also caused flooding in the neighboring Dominican Republic and in Jamaica, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. A total of four people died in those places. On Wednesday, crews cleared roads and repaired damaged homes throughout Haiti's capital while some families found a sorrowful ending to their search for loved ones missing since the storm. Cherline Henry had been looking for Edgar



People rest from working to uncover the bodies of two people who were killed in Tuesday's landslides, triggered by heavy rains in Petionville in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Wednesday June 8, 2011. The early summer storm flooded rivers, triggered landslides, destroyed homes and killed at least 23 people, according to Haiti's Civil Protection Department.

(AP Photo/Dieu Nalio Chery)

Toussaint, her boyfriend of 18 months, when a stranger told her that two bodies were found at the bottom of a ravine in Nerette, a hillside slum southeast of downtown Port-au-Prince. The bodies were found after an elderly woman walked through the trash-strewn valley to feed her pig. She noticed a swarm of flies hovering above a pile of debris and saw a leg, residents told The Associated Press. People later pulled on plastic gloves and grabbed pick axes to pry free Toussaint's body

and the corpse of a woman wedged under a fallen tree. Relatives identified her as Venette Morin, 46.

The two bodies were covered with one of the blue tarps that aid groups passed out after the devastating earthquake in January 2010. The sheets of plastic are used to cover flimsy shelters that house tens of thousands people left homeless by the quake.

Henry, 21, took a peek at the corpse of her boyfriend. "I just lost half my life," she said.

Temporary shelters in Thom-

azeau, a town northwest of the capital, continued to receive people as the United Nations' World Food Program handed out food rations. Michelet Lesly Dorce, a local representative for the Civil Protection Department, said a total of 800 people had arrived since Sunday.

That morning, Haiti's largest lake, Azuei, overflowed and flooded homes. Several hundred people left the area as a precaution because the lake has a long history of flooding. □

Hunt for E. coli culprit in Germany takes a turn

ALAN COWELL

JUDY DEMPSEY

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BERLIN — As Germany's tally of deaths increased in what has become one of the world's most lethal infections of E. coli, new elements of confusion surfaced Wednesday with conflicting signals about whether the outbreak is abating and what caused it.

Initially, German authorities blamed cucumbers, tomatoes and lettuce from Spain for the infection, which has been spreading since May 1. Then, last weekend, investigators switched their attention to sprouts grown in northern Germany as a potential cause. On Wednesday, even as the

authorities said the sprouts were still prime suspects, the hunt took a new and apparently baffling turn when state authorities in Magdeburg, in eastern Germany said traces of the pathogen identified in the outbreak had been found on discarded cucumber leftovers in a garbage can belonging to a family among those sickened by E. coli.

So far, Health Minister Daniel Bahr said Wednesday that the outbreak has claimed 25 lives in Germany — four more than reported Tuesday.

A further death has been reported from Sweden. In addition, 2,648 people have fallen ill, 689 of them with a potentially deadly complication that

causes kidney failure and neurological damage, according to the Robert Koch Institute, the country's disease control agency.

Holger Paech, the state health ministry spokesman in Magdeburg, said it was unclear how the bacteria got onto the cucumber at the home of a family where three people had been sickened, one of them with the virulent complication whose treatment has strained intensive care units in many other parts of Germany.

The three family members had no known contact with the worst infected areas of northern Germany, he said.

Bahr struck a cautiously optimistic tone Wednesday dur-

ing an emergency meeting in Berlin of health officials from Germany and the European Union.

"There is much to suggest that we have put the worst behind us," he said.

While this did not mean the outbreak was fading, he said, it seemed that fewer people were being diagnosed.

The Robert Koch Institute, however, was far from certain that the worst was over.

"There is a declining trend in new cases but it is not clear that it is because the outbreak is really waning or whether it is because the population are being more careful in what they eat," it said in a statement. □

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Iran says it will speed up uranium enrichment

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Iran declared Wednesday that it plans this year to triple production of its most concentrated form of nuclear fuel, expanding its manufacturing efforts to a mountainous, once-secret nuclear site deep underground. Experts worry that the production of more concentrated fuel could bring Iran closer to the ability to rapidly make weapons-grade uranium for a bomb. The Iranian declaration signaled that, despite sanctions and repeated calls from the U.N. Security Council to cease enrichment of uranium, Iran aims to accelerate the effort. Iran insists the work is peaceful.

The announcement came only two weeks after the International Atomic Energy Agency, the U.N. nuclear inspector, detailed with more specificity than it had done previously the technical information behind its suspicions that Iran has secretly attempted to design a nuclear weapon.

Iran has, for years, refused to answer questions from the agency about circumstantial evidence of weapons design that the international inspectors say they possess.

The credibility of the Iranian claim that it would accelerate production of its most concentrated uranium fuel, which is enriched to 20 percent purity, was difficult to assess. Iran is making fuel of that concentration in centrifuges at its sprawling plant at Natanz in the Iranian desert. The announcement said that some of that production would be transferred to a new genera-



Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad flashes a victory sign, as he arrives for his press conference in Tehran, Iran. Ahmadinejad says the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency chief has discredited the world body by alleging that Iran may be working on a nuclear weapons program. Ahmadinejad was reacting to comments by International Atomic Energy Agency director Yukiya Amano alleging that some aspects of Iran's nuclear activities could be linked to a weapons program.

(AP Photo/Vahid Salemi)

tion of centrifuges at an underground, well-defended facility near the holy city of Qum.

Most uranium fuel for reactors is enriched to around 4 percent purity. Iran began producing 20 percent enriched fuel more than a year ago for what it said was fueling a research reactor in Tehran.

But many outside experts saw that explanation as cover for moving much closer to the ability to make bomb-grade fuel, which is 90 percent purity. In terms of production, it is a comparatively short leap from 20 percent enrichment to weapon fuel.

But building the facility near Qum will require obtaining a new generation of highly efficient centrifuges at a time

when the West is engaging in not only trade embargos against Iran but a series of covert efforts, including use of the computer worm called Stuxnet, to obstruct the Iranian nuclear effort.

Whether Iran has decided to make a weapon – if it could – is far from clear.

Enrichment is technically difficult, and Iran has been slowed by Stuxnet and the effects of sanctions, which make it difficult to obtain critical parts abroad. But if Iran can increase enrichment, the country will be in a better position to threaten what nuclear experts call “breakout” – a hectic dash to make a weapon. U.S. officials have insisted that they would detect such a

rush and have plenty of time to respond.

The announcement may also be designed to gain grudging acceptance of Iran's growing capabilities.

“All of this supports a possible ongoing effort by Iran to slowly acclimatize the international community to conditions that would make a breakout to nuclear weapons more feasible,” the Institute for Science and International Security, which closely follows the Iranian nuclear program, wrote in a briefing Wednesday.

Iran's announcement was made by the new head of its atomic energy agency, Fereydoon Abbasi, on Iranian television after a cabinet meeting in Tehran. □

Eviction efforts plague activist Jia's wife, child

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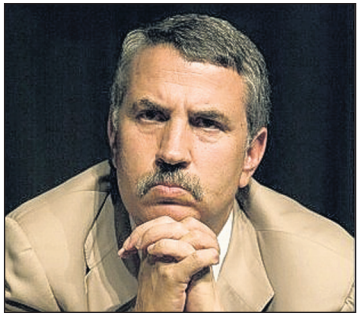
BEIJING – The wife of internationally known human rights activist Hu Jia said Wednesday that she and her daughter could be forced out of their apartment in Shenzhen only weeks before he is scheduled to complete a 42-month prison sentence for state subversion. Hu's wife, Zeng Jinyan, said that she was resisting the demand to move and that she was “still wrestling over this with the police.” But she added that her landlord, a public employee, was under pressure to force the family to leave, perhaps within a week. Zeng, 27, previously lived in Beijing but moved in April, taking her 3 1/2-year-old daughter to Shenzhen, an industrial city near Hong Kong.

“The Beijing police drove me out,” she said in a written exchange over the Internet on Wednesday. “Now Shenzhen authorities are driving me out, too.” Although Zeng and her husband were frequently harassed in the past, she said, the reason behind the latest pressure was unclear.

“Maybe once again there are some officials who don't want me under their jurisdiction, or maybe there are bigger political reasons,” she wrote, adding: “If I try to find a job, they threaten my boss.

If I try to cooperate with someone, they threaten my partner. If I try to find some part-time work, they tell the human resources of the company to censor me. □

The earth is full



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You really do have to wonder whether a few years from now we'll look back at the first decade of the 21st century – when food prices spiked, energy prices soared, world population surged, tornados plowed through cities, floods and droughts set records, populations were displaced and governments were threatened by the confluence of it all – and ask ourselves: What were we thinking? How did we not panic when the evidence was so obvious that we'd crossed some growth/climate/natural-resource/population redlines all at once?

"The only answer can be denial," argues Paul Gilding, the veteran Australian environmentalist-entrepreneur, who described this moment in a new book called "The Great Disruption: Why the Climate Crisis Will Bring on the End of Shopping and the Birth of a New World." "When you are surrounded by something so big that requires you to change everything about the way you think and see the world, then denial is the natural response. But the longer we wait, the bigger the response required." Gilding cites the work of the Global Footprint Network, an alliance of scientists, which calculates how many "planet Earths" we need to sustain our current growth rates. GFN measures how much land and water area we need to produce the resources we consume and absorb our waste, using prevailing technology. On the whole, says GFN, we are currently growing at a rate that is using up the Earth's resources far faster than they can be sustainably replenished, so we are eating into the future. Right now, global growth is using about 1.5 Earths. "Having only one planet makes this a rather significant problem,"

says Gilding.

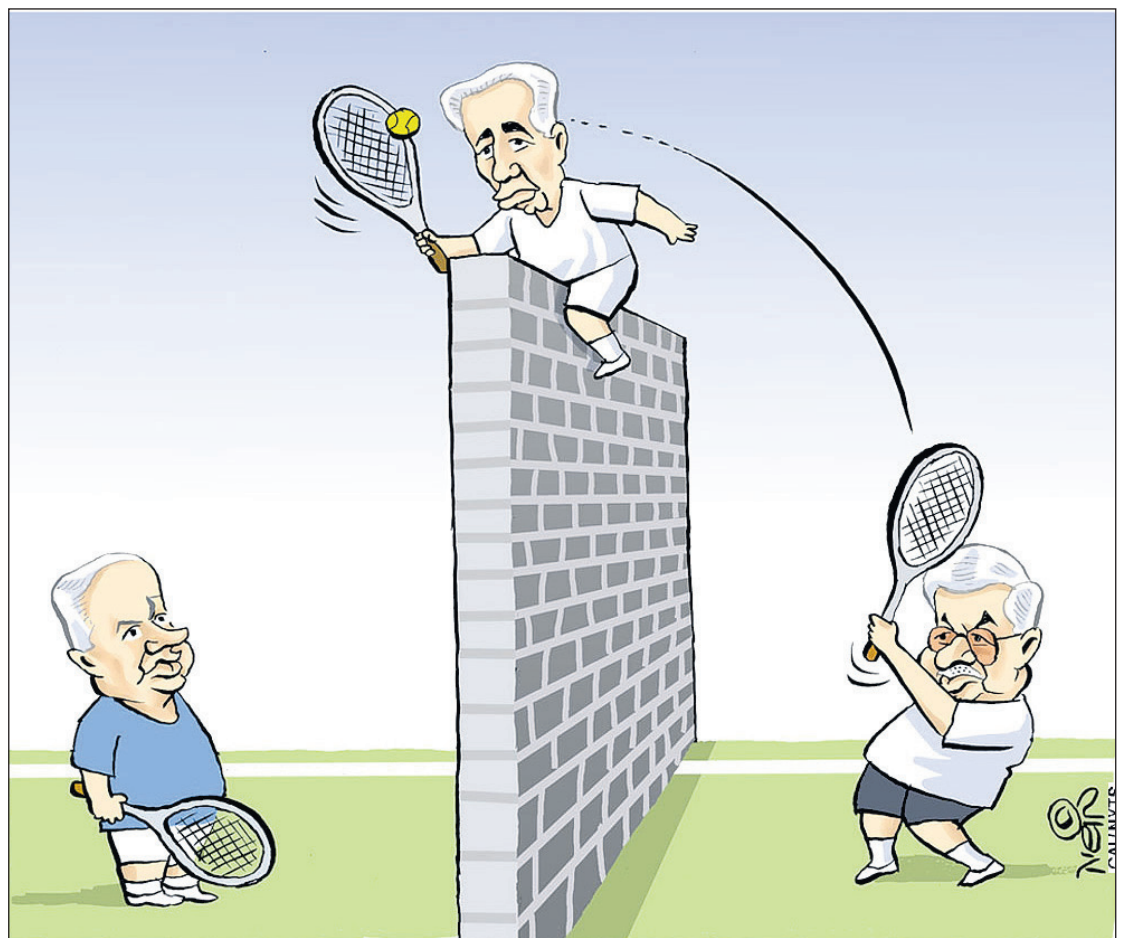
This is not science fiction. This is what happens when our system of growth and the system of nature hit the wall at once. While in Yemen last year, I saw a tanker truck delivering water in the capital, Sanaa. Why? Because Sanaa could be the first big city in the world to run out of water within a decade. That is what happens when one generation in one country lives at 150 percent of sustainable capacity.

"If you cut down more trees than you grow, you run out of trees," writes Gilding. "If you put additional nitrogen into a water system, you change the type and quantity of life that water can support. If you thicken the Earth's CO2 blanket, the Earth gets warmer. If you do all these and many more things at once, you change the way the whole system of planet Earth behaves, with social, economic, and life support impacts. This is not speculation; this is high school science."

It is also current affairs. "In China's thousands of years of civilization, the conflict between humankind and nature has never been as serious as it is today," China's environment minister, Zhou Shengxian, said recently. "The depletion, deterioration and exhaustion of resources and the worsening ecological environment have become bottlenecks and grave impediments to the nation's economic and social development." What China's minister is telling us, says Gilding, is that "the Earth is full. We are now using so many resources and putting out so much waste into the Earth that we have reached some kind of limit, given current technologies. The economy is going to have to get smaller in terms of physical impact."

We will not change systems, though, without a crisis. But don't worry, we're getting there.

We're currently caught in two loops: One is that more population growth and more global warming together are pushing up food prices. □



Your tweetin' heart



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WASHINGTON – Tweetin' ain't cheatin'. In his sensationally surreal apologia, a weepy Anthony Weiner had only one thing to brag about: "I've never had sex outside my marriage."

No congress for the congressman. In the new, megapolitical Internet sex scandal, the 46-year-old New Yorker downplayed his phone sex and salacious sexting with female strangers as "you know, almost a frivolous exchange among friends."

Scrabble is a frivolous exchange among friends. Taking a picture of your deal, as David Letterman dubbed it, and blasting it into hyperspace to women you've never met is, you know, something more creepy and compulsive.

When Democratic front-run-

ner Gary Hart had his vertiginous fall in 1987, after his photo with Miami model Donna Rice on the Monkey Business hit the papers, feminists were irate that this progressive pol was treating women as objects.

They found it especially galling that Hart had married up – winning the daughter of a former president of his college – and then got caught dating down.

The weenie Weiner married up to Hillary Clinton's aide, the glamorous and classy Huma Abedin, and only 11 months later got caught e-dating down with a Vegas blackjack dealer, a porn star and a couple of college students.

This time, no feminist umbrella rang out – and not merely because Weiner is a liberal Democrat.

Women have been conditioned by now to assume the worst.

In five decades, we've moved from the pre-feminist mantra about the sexual peccadilloes of married men – Boys will be boys – to post-feminist resignation: Men are dogs.

And there's no point in feminists wasting their ire at women being objectified because many women these days seem all too ready to play along.

We've traded places with France. There, after DSK, a spirited feminism has blossomed, an urge to stop covering up seamy incidents of droit du seigneur.

Now we're the world-weary ones, with little energy to try to reform relations between the sexes: Is there any point, really, in trying to fix men?

This scandal resonates less as a feminist horror story than an Internet horror story.

Are men, as New York magazine recently suggested, losing interest in having sex with their real partners because they're so obsessed with porn, sexting and virtual partners? The lazy man's way to sex, where a billion women are a click away.

After seeing a cascade of famous men marrying up and dating down – Bill Clinton, Newt Gingrich, Dick Morris, John Edwards, Eliot Spitzer, Tiger Woods, David Vitter, John Ensign and Arnold Schwarzenegger – and with Dominique Strauss-Kahn being supported by his prominent, elegant and wealthy journalist wife as he fights charges that he assaulted a 32-year-old hotel maid, maybe feminists have learned that male development stops at power. □

Club in New York's East Village mixes old, new and blue

LARRY ROHTER

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NEW YORK — From the outside the club appears to be just another shuttered and somewhat grotty East Village storefront, and the interior, with its scarred wooden floor and graffiti-daubed walls, isn't any more impressive. Instead, it's what happens on-stage that has made Nublu's reputation as an incubator of musical talent, with some of the most adventurous and varied offerings in the city.

On weekends the focus is on jazz, sometimes filtered through a trip-hop perspective. Other nights are set aside for Jamaican dub, Brazilian hillbilly music, Indian-influenced electronica, Puerto Rican boogaloo or what is described "Balkan brass madness." This month the jazz bassist Juini Booth will even be playing with the virtuoso Italian accordionist Vincenzo Abbracciante.

Nublu is the creation not of a showbiz impresario but of

a saxophonist and keyboard player, Ilhan Ersahin, and reflects his cosmopolitan background and approach to music. Its name is meant to evoke forward-looking music

in a blues framework, but the programming philosophy obviously goes way beyond that. "I'm a guy from Sweden with a Turkish name, married to a Brazilian and living in New

York," Ersahin said. "Nublu is what I am: Everything is all mixed in together."

Ersahin, the youngest of four children of a Turkish architect and his Swedish wife, came

to the United States in 1986 to study at the Berklee College of Music in Boston. He moved to New York not long after, where he enrolled in the jazz program at the New School and went to work at Sweet Basil, the jazz club, now-closed — first as a busboy, later as a doorman, waiter and manager, and eventually as a musician holding down a regular Saturday gig.

Now 45, Ersahin founded Nublu in 2002, and beginning Friday the club will celebrate its ninth anniversary with a festival featuring performances by numerous bands associated with the club. In 2005 a Nublu record label was born, initially as a DIY vehicle for Ersahin's own music and eventually also for that of other artists he likes.

"All of the money I make at the bar goes to the record company," Ersahin said. "I wish I had more money, so I could do it properly, so we could sign more bands and do more records. □"



From left: Ilhan Ersahin, Kenny Wollesen, Juini Booth and Thor Madsen perform at Nublu in New York, June 3, 2011. Nublu is a place where you can find Brazilian hillbilly music and Puerto Rican boogaloo under the same roof as acid jazz. (Michael Nagle/The New York Times).

Prostitution latest target of Rio's Olympic change

JULIANA BARBASSA

Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Cris touches up her lipstick in the bar's dingy mirror, getting ready to work the rush hour in Vila Mimosa, Rio's bustling working-class prostitution zone.

As dusk descends, bass-heavy music rattles metal tables on the sidewalk outside the bar, and shirtless men fire up smoky makeshift grills next to coolers of beer. Women in little more than thong bikinis or lingerie navigate the cobblestone streets, teetering on stiletto platform heels. Leaning against doorways and out of windows, they wait for clients, eyes glazed with boredom. The area is a beloved institution or a blight, depending on whom is asked.

But like so much of this city that officials have deemed marginal, it faces the prospect of being torn down in the name of progress as Rio revamps crumbling infrastructure and polishes its image

prior to the 2014 World Cup and the 2016 Olympics.

Spelling the possible demise of Vila Mimosa is a 317-mile (510-kilometer), high-speed train the government wants

to build to link Rio to the country's financial capital, Sao Paulo. The \$22 billion project was promised in Brazil's Olympic proposal, and the government is expected to

open bidding to prospective builders July 29.

Work on the train has not begun, but the prostitutes are already wary. If the current plans move forward, it will

pass right through the neighborhood. This wouldn't be the first time the women have been uprooted and relocated, said Cleide de Almeida, who grew up in the Mangue, the red-light district's original downtown location. One of 10 children of a woman who once cooked for the prostitutes, Almeida now heads the sex workers' residents and business association. Prostitutes in Rio have witnessed seven government-led attempts to eradicate red-light districts over the past century. Two prostitution zones have been razed since 1980, most recently in 1996 to make way for the city's administrative center. Following the evictions, the women were forced to conduct business in the open streets and in cars until they could buy property along the block that makes up the current red-light district: a former no man's land bordered by subway tracks and highways that is now bustling with business. □

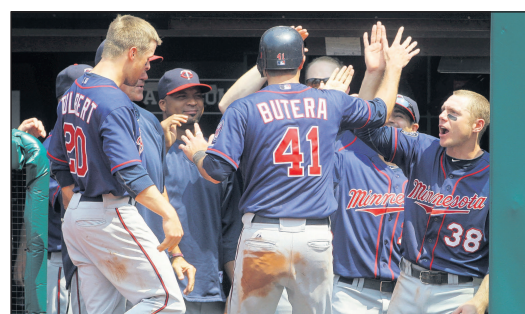


In this photo, men sit at a bar as sex workers wait for customers at the Vila Mimosa prostitution zone in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Spelling the possible end of Vila Mimosa is a high-speed train the government wants to build to link Rio to Sao Paulo, as part of Brazil's Olympic proposal. The government is expected to open bidding to prospective builders July 29. (AP Photo/Felipe Dana)

Twins sneak past Indians 3-2 in 10 innings

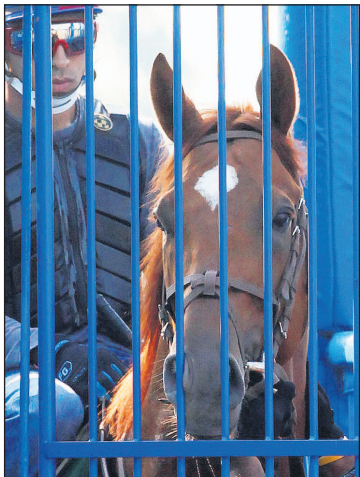
Minnesota Twins' Drew Butera (41) is greeted by Luke Hughes (38) and teammates after scoring on a single by Ben Revere in the 10th inning of a baseball game against the Cleveland Indians Wednesday, June 8, 2011, in Cleveland. The run gave the Twins a 3-2 win.

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Animal Kingdom peers through the starting gate as he is schooled, Wednesday, June 8, 2011 at Belmont Park in Elmont, N.Y. The winner of the Kentucky Derby is entered in Saturday's Belmont Stakes horse race.

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Derby winner Animal Kingdom favorite for Belmont

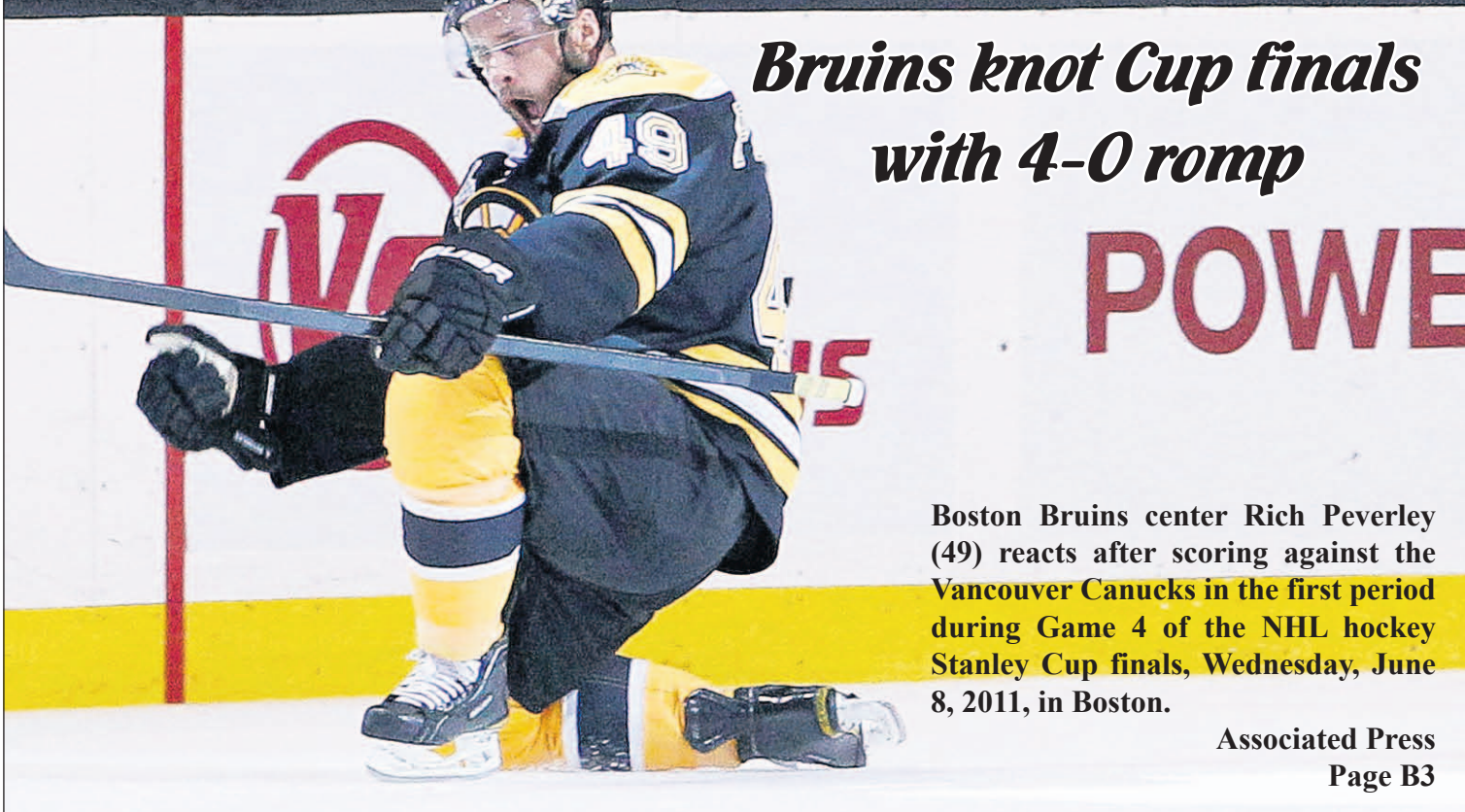
RICHARD ROSENBLATT
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Kentucky Derby winner Animal Kingdom was made the 2-1 favorite for the Belmont Stakes, with Preakness Stakes winner Shackleford the third choice.

A field of 12 3-year-olds was entered on Wednesday, and in a slight surprise, oddsmaker Eric Donovan went with Derby runner-up Nehro as the second choice at 4-1. Shackleford is 9-2 for the first showdown between Derby and Preakness winners since 2005. Animal Kingdom, ridden by John Velazquez, will leave from the No. 9 post, which has produced only four Belmont winners since 1905.

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FIT TO BE TIED



Bruins knot Cup finals with 4-0 romp

Boston Bruins center Rich Peverley (49) reacts after scoring against the Vancouver Canucks in the first period during Game 4 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup finals, Wednesday, June 8, 2011, in Boston.

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NFL, players meet for a second day in New York

By **BARRY WILNER**
AP Pro Football Writer

NEW YORK — Whether they are meeting in secret locations or in the middle of Times Square at rush hour, talks between NFL owners and players are a good sign.

Commissioner Roger Goodell has been saying that ever since the lockout began on March 12. Players, agents and lawyers familiar with the negotiating process second the notion. Both sides met Wednesday for a second straight day in New York, with Judge Arthur Boylan joining Goodell and NFLPA chief DeMaurice Smith. It was the second time this week that the sides got together. Last week, they met twice near Chicago.

Also on hand were five team owners and five players. That's a critical component for reaching a new collective bargaining agreement.

"Having meetings on a regular basis is not nearly as important as having productive talks," said agent Ben Dogra, whose clients include Patrick Willis and Sam Bradford. "If having productive talks encompasses meeting on a regular basis, then it is a good for them to meet as often as possible."

Both sides seem ready to do that as they await a ruling about the legality of the lockout from the federal appeals court in St. Louis. The factions aren't due back in court until August. On Wednesday, Judge Susan Nelson moved up a hearing for the league's motion to dismiss the players' antitrust suit from Sept. 12 to Aug. 29 — nine days before the regular season is scheduled to begin. □



President Barack Obama poses for a group photo with the Auburn University football team, in the East of the White House in Washington, Wednesday, June 8, 2011, during a ceremony honoring the 2010 NCAA BCS Football Champion Auburn Tigers. Standing with Obama are Head coach Gene Chizik, left, and player Kodi Burns, right.

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U.S., Panama notch wins Gold Cup

NOAH TRISTER
AP Sports Writer

DETROIT (AP) — Jozy Altidore scored in the first half and set up Clint Dempsey's goal in the second as the United States opened its Gold Cup campaign with a 2-0 win over Canada on Tuesday.

The margin of victory was enough to put the hosts on top of Group C, ahead of Panama, which had a 3-2 win over Guadeloupe.

The 21-year-old Altidore put the United States ahead in the 15th minute and Dempsey scored in the 62nd from a good Altidore cross.

The U.S., which was coming off a 4-0 friendly loss to World Cup champion Spain on Saturday, has never lost a group stage game at the Gold Cup.

"Coming off the game against Spain, you got down a little bit," Altidore said. "Now, we've just got to build on it, because it's only going to get harder from here."

The U.S. pressured Canada from the start. Altidore scored after running onto a long pass from Landon Donovan. Although Kevin McKenna was back to defend, Altidore was able to turn and take a low shot which slipped under goalkeeper Lars Hirschfeld



United States forward Jozy Altidore (17) celebrates scoring a goal against Canada in the first half of a CONCACAF Gold Cup soccer match at Ford Field in Detroit, Tuesday, June 7, 2011.

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and into the net.

There was little Hirschfeld could do about the second goal. Altidore sent a low cross from to the right of the net, and Dempsey stretched to knock the ball in at the far post.

"For confidence, it was a good thing," coach Bob Bradley said. "The movement that led to the first goal and the cross to Dempsey for the second both were great plays."

U.S. goalkeeper Tim Howard was impressive, reacting mar-

velously to deflect Ali Gerba's powerful shot from the edge of the penalty area with his right hand in the 70th minute. About 15 minutes later, Howard smothered a shot near the edge of the 6-yard box, then made another terrific stop on a volley by Gerba.

"Howard was absolute magic," Canadian coach Stephen Hart said. "I almost clapped." Oguchi Onyewu was left out of the starting lineup for the Americans. □

Germany's Tony Martin wins third stage of Dauphine



HTC's Tony Martin, of Germany, competes on his way to win the third stage of the 63rd Criterium du Dauphine cycling race, a 42.5 kilometers individual time trial, in Grenoble, French Alps, Wednesday, June 8, 2011.

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GRENOBLE, France (AP)

— Tony Martin of Germany won the third stage of the Criterium du Dauphine on Wednesday, and Bradley Wiggins of Britain took the overall lead.

Martin completed the 42.5-kilometer time trial around Grenoble in 55 minutes, 27 seconds.

Wiggins finished second, 11 seconds back to claim the yellow jersey from Alexandre Vinokourov of Kazakhstan.

"I'm very satisfied with the way I rode," Martin said. "The weather conditions I got were really good. The two climbs are pretty hard but I was lucky to have a tailwind. I also rode a good downhill at the end."

Edvald Hagen of Norway took third place, 43 seconds back. Cadel Evans of Australia placed sixth, 1:20 back, but climbed to second place in the overall standings.

Defending champion Janez Brajkovic of Slovenia finished fifth in the time trial but jumped to third place overall. Vinokourov came in 14th, slipping to fourth place overall, 1:56 behind Wiggins.

"It is a disappointment because I thought that the road would be more favorable to me," Vinokourov told Astana's website. □

Bruins rout Canucks, even Stanley Cup finals

By GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

BOSTON — Just three days after the Bruins staggered back to Boston, they've barged right back into the Stanley Cup finals with two brilliant blowout wins.

Tim Thomas made 38 saves in his third shutout of the playoffs, Rich Peverley scored two goals after replacing injured Nathan Horton on Boston's top line, and the Bruins emphatically evened the finals at two games apiece with a 4-0 victory over the foundering Vancouver Canucks in Game 4 on Wednesday night.

Michael Ryder and Brad Marchand also had goals for the Bruins, who chased Roberto Luongo early in the third period after Vancouver's star goalie allowed his 12th goal in less than two games.

The finals are now a best-of-three, with Game 5 in Vancouver on Friday night.

Game 6 is Monday night back in Boston. After outscoring Vancouver 12-1 in the last two games, the Bruins are halfway to their first NHL title since 1972 — but they'll have to win at least once on the West Coast. Boston opened its first finals trip in 21 years with two deflating one-goal losses last week in Vancouver, but the Bruins have wrested all momentum from the suddenly shaky Canucks with two thoroughly dominant wins.

Luongo gave up four goals on 20 shots before Cory Sch-

neider replaced him, ending yet another shaky defensive performance for the Presidents' Trophy-winning Canucks, who were inexplicably passionless in Boston.

Vancouver needed just one win in Boston to earn the chance to win the franchise's first championship on home ice. Instead, the Canucks headed home with huge questions about their mental toughness, defense and goaltending. The Bruins rolled on an emotional high that began with a stirring pregame tribute to Horton. The right wing will miss the rest of the series after incurring a serious concussion early in Game 3 on a hit from Vancouver defenseman Aaron Rome, who was suspended for four games.

Bobby Orr, the Hall of Fame defenseman and Boston icon, wore his own No. 4 jersey as he waved a flag bearing Horton's No. 18, drawing thunderous cheers while standing in the lower bowl under a spotlight. Hundreds of Canucks fans in blue jerseys joined in the cheers for Horton, who scored the winning goals in both of Boston's Game 7 victories during these playoffs.

With the victory secure in the final minutes, the entire building loudly chanted Horton's name.

Thomas was outstanding yet again. He has allowed just five goals in four games in his first Stanley Cup finals, with Vancouver's vaunted Sedin twins

— the NHL's last two scoring champions — failing to beat him.

Despite the NHL's warning to these teams about keeping their competition between the whistles, the third period featured another handful of skirmishes. Thomas delighted Boston's fans when he slashed Vancouver agitator Alex Burrows with 1:51 to play, precipitating another brawl.

Peverley, a Bruins newcomer after a late-season trade from Atlanta, filled in for Horton on the Bruins' top line, lining up with David Krejci and Milan Lucic. The hardworking forward isn't known for his scoring touch, but came through twice in the new role.

Boston went ahead midway through the first period after Krejci alertly tapped a loose puck in the neutral zone ahead to Peverley, who blew past Raffi Torres and scored just his second goal in 19 games.

The Canucks are a mess on defense after losing top blueliner Dan Hamhuis to an injury in Game 1 before Rome's suspension. Keith Ballard struggled as Rome's replacement, making a brutal turnover on Boston's third goal, but Vancouver played generally shoddy team defense in front of Luongo, who hasn't shaken his reputation for struggling in big games — even with an Olympic gold medal around his neck.

Vancouver's power play, the NHL's best in the regular sea-



Boston Bruins right wing Michael Ryder, second from right, is congratulated by Chris Kelly, left, Tyler Seguin, second from left, and Adam McQuaid (54) after scoring against the Vancouver Canucks in the second period during Game 4 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup finals, Wednesday, June 8, 2011, in Boston.

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son, also has lost its mojo, going 0 for 6 in Game 4 to drop to 1 for 22 in the series. The Sedin twins are the NHL's past two scoring champions, but they've barely made an impact on this series under Boston's steady defensive pressure.

Perhaps the top-seeded Canucks' only good news out of Boston is that the home team is dominating this series — and they've got two more potential home games.

Vancouver narrowly won the first two games last week, moving halfway to the franchise's first championship and Canada's first Cup since 1993. Boston halted Vancouver's roll with an 8-1 victory Monday marred by Horton's injury and numerous scuffles in the third period.

Vancouver soundly outshot Boston over the first 30 minutes of Game 4, yet the Canucks had few solid scoring chances. Most of the shots went straight at Thomas, whose much-evaluated positional game was close to perfect, particularly on an early point-blank chance for Maxim Lapierre.

After Peverley's early goal, Ryder scored midway through the second period on an innocuous shot that somehow fluttered past Luongo. The puck might have deflected off the stick of defenseman Sami Salo, who played Ryder much too softly. □

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OSLO, Norway (AP) — Usain Bolt says he is fully focused on the world championships as he prepares to run his first 200-meter race in 13 months at a Diamond League event in Oslo on Thursday. The Jamaican world record-holder said Wednesday it will feel strange to run the 200 but, having recovered from last season's injuries, is confident of running a fast race at the Bislett Games. "It's going to be weird but it should be good," said Bolt. "I'm definitely going out there to run hard and see what I need to improve more." Bolt won the 100 at his first race of the year in a Diamond League event

in Rome two weeks ago and is now aiming to take his recovery up another notch after missing part of last season with Achilles' and back problems. "I'm just trying to get my form back together and get back to the old Usain Bolt," he said. "I'm just focused on one thing, and that's the world championships."

Bolt was more diplomat than showman as he fielded questions at a reception at Oslo City Hall a day before the main event.

"I've heard it's a great track and I'm looking forward to going out there and getting a fast time," he said. "But I need to get in shape as quickly as possible because everyone's really putting their foot

down."

South African middle-distance runner Caster Semenya is also competing as she seeks to move on from having to undergo a gender test following her victory in the 800 at the 2009 worlds.

Forced to sit out a year, Semenya said it was tough to bounce back but is now starting to rediscover her best form.

The 20-year-old Semenya said the episode had placed her under huge mental strain. "It wasn't easy to come back after the IAAF ban, but this was the goal," Semenya said. Semenya finished second in a time of 1 minute, 58.88 seconds at a Diamond League event in Eugene, Oregon, last weekend. But, as the season progresses, she hopes to begin closing in on her personal best of 1:55.45. "In Oslo, I want to remain below 1:58, maybe 1:57 but everything happens in view of the world championships in South Korea," she said. "At the Bislett Games, the time is very important, probably more important than first place." Semenya faces a strong field that also includes Mariya Savinova of Russia, one of the athletes who called the South African's gender into question at the last worlds. □

Mendoza lift Crew over Real Salt Lake 2-1

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Josh Gardner scored his first Major League Soccer goal since 2006 to help lead the Columbus Crew to a 2-1 victory over Real Salt Lake on Wednesday. Jamison Olave opened the scoring for Real Salt Lake in the 7th minute from a corner as the Crew conceded a goal before the 10th minute for the fourth time in six matches. Andres Mendoza converted a penalty to equalize for the Crew in the 76th minute, and Gardner's winner from the top of the area six minutes later hit the thigh of Salt Lake defender Chris Schuler on the way past keeper Nick Rimando. Gardner has spent the past four seasons in the lower leagues after playing for the Los Angeles Galaxy. □

Uruguay beats Netherlands on penalties



Netherlands' Dirk Kuyt gestures as he protests a call by the referee during a friendly soccer match with Uruguay in Montevideo, Uruguay, Wednesday June 8, 2011. Associated Press

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay (AP) — Uruguay defeated the Netherlands 4-2 on penalties after the pair played out a 1-1 draw in an international friendly Wednesday. Luis Suarez gave Uruguay a 1-0 lead in the 81st minute, but Dirk Kuyt beat Uruguay keeper Fernando Muslera to

equalize in stoppage time. The Netherlands, runners-up to Spain at last year's World Cup, played out a scoreless draw on Saturday against Brazil. Uruguay used the match as a warmup for the upcoming Copa America, which opens on July 1 with Bolivia facing Argentina. □

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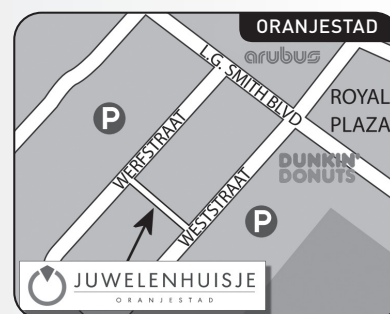
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AL Roundup

Twins trip Indians 3-2 in 10 innings

CLEVELAND (AP) — Ben Revere's two-out RBI single in the 10th inning off closer Chris Perez gave the coming-to-life Minnesota Twins a 3-2 win on Wednesday over the slumping Cleveland Indians, who can't seem to shake free of their June swoon.

After Drew Butera doubled with two outs off Perez (2-2), Revere flared his base hit into shallow left. Butera scored sliding ahead of outfielder Michael Brantley's one-hop throw to the plate, helping the last-place Twins take the series and win for the sixth time in seven games in the American League.

Jack Hannahan's two-out homer in the ninth sent the game into extra innings.

NL Roundup

Hamels supreme as Phillies down Dodgers
PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Cole Hamels struck out nine in eight scoreless innings to direct the Philadelphia Phillies to a 2-0 win over the Los An-

geles Dodgers in the National League on Wednesday. Hamels (8-2) walked none while lowering his ERA to 2.58. He improved to 3-0 with a 1.18 ERA in five career regular-season starts against Los Angeles.

Ryan Howard's sixth-inning homer came off Hiroki Kuroda (5-7) and gave Philadelphia a 1-0 lead. It broke a season-worst drought for the Phillies, who had gone 65 1-3 innings without a home run. Howard had been 0 for 13 with six strikeouts previously against Kuroda.

Braves 3, Marlins 2, 10 innings

In Miami, Freddie Freeman singled home the go-ahead run in the 10th inning as Atlanta extended Florida's losing streak to seven games. Braves veteran Chipper Jones walked with one out in the 10th against Mike Dunn (4-4), took second on a single by Brian McCann and scored on the hit by Freeman, who had been 0 for 7 in the series. The Marlins went 1 for 8 with

runners in scoring position and are 8 for 54 (.148) in those situations during the first six games of their dismal home-stand.

Six of the Marlins' seven losses during their slump have been by a single run.

The Marlins had tied the game one strike from defeat; Mike Stanton hit a two-run single off Braves closer Craig Kimbrel (2-2) to make the score 2-2.

The Marlins had two on with one out in the bottom of the 10th, but Scott Linebrink earned his second save in three chances by striking out the last man.

Giants 3, Nationals 1

In San Francisco, Matt Cain struck out 11 in his first complete game of the season, steering San Francisco to victory over Washington.

Cain (5-4) improved to 16-0 over the past two years when getting at least three runs of support. He allowed one run and one walk in his 13th career complete game, needing just 110 pitches. □

Belmont

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The colt trained by Graham Motion is attempting to become the 12th to complete a Derby-Belmont sweep. The last to succeed was Thunder Gulch in 1995.

"It doesn't change anything for us," Motion said of the post position.

Shackleford, with jockey Jesus Castanon aboard, will try to become the first Belmont winner out of the No. 12 post. The colt trained by Dale Romans also is attempting to become the 22nd Preakness-

Belmont winner.

"It's going to make Dale have to commit a little bit," Motion added, a reference to whether Shackleford will go right for the lead from the start. "I don't think he's going to have a lot of choice. From my perspective, it's not going to change anything."

Nehro, with Corey Nakatani riding, has finished second in his last three starts. The colt drew the No. 6 post.

At 1½ miles, the Belmont is the longest and most grueling of the Triple Crown races. Post position usually isn't considered as vital as in the Derby and Preakness, but Mo-

tion believes it's significant.

"It's not a very long run to the first turn, so I do think it's important," he said. "I'm glad I'm not hung out there (like Shackleford)."

For the first time, the first seven finishers from the Derby will be running in the Belmont.

The field, from the rail out, is Master of Hounds (10-1), Stay Thirsty (20-1), Ruler On Ice (20-1), Santiva (15-10), Brilliant Speed (15-1), Nehro (4-1), Monzon (30-1), Prime Cut (15-1), Animal Kingdom (2-1), Mucho Macho Man (10-1), Isn't He Perfect (30-1) and Shackleford (9-2). □



The Minnesota Twins' Drew Butera (41) slides home to score past Cleveland Indians catcher Lou Marson on a single by Ben Revere in the 10th inning of a baseball game Wednesday, June 8, 2011, in Cleveland.

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UN chief calls for global action to end AIDS

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Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP)

— Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon called for global action Wednesday to put an end to AIDS by 2020 and relegate the killer disease to the history books.

Opening a three-day General Assembly meeting to assess progress in combatting HIV/AIDS, the U.N. chief told presidents, ministers and diplomats from across the globe that if all partners involved in the fight unite “as never before” the goal can be met.

“Today, we gather to end AIDS,” the secretary-general said. “That is our goal — zero new infections, zero stigma and zero AIDS-related deaths.”

Ban recalled that world leaders first took responsibility for controlling the epidemic at a U.N. meeting in 2001, and since then new infections have declined by 20 percent. Five years ago, leaders pledged that every individual would get services, care and support to cope with HIV and AIDS and since then AIDS-related deaths have fallen by 20 percent, he said.

Michel Sidibe, executive director of the United Nations AIDS agency, told the leaders that the vision of an AIDS-free world can be realized.

However, he said it will require revolutionizing HIV prevention and the mobilization of young people “as agents of change” in reducing treatment costs. It will also require ending discrimination and providing lifesaving services to the groups most affected — migrants, prisoners, people who inject drugs, sex workers, and men who have sex with men, he said.

Sidibe said 1.8 million people die of AIDS every year in the developing world and in de-



Cassandra James, right, Emily Bass, and Mitchell Warren chant slogans during a demonstration, Wednesday, June 8, 2011 in New York. On the first day of a gathering of world leaders at a UN-sponsored High Level Meeting on HIV and AIDS, AIDS activists from around the world rally outside the United Nations headquarters calling for full funding for global AIDS treatment and prevention.

(AP Photo/Mary Altaffer)

veloped countries AIDS is becoming a chronic disease. He said 9 million people in the world await treatment.

Sidibe urged donors, who have reduced funding for AIDS for the first time in 10 years, to increase their contributions to meet the new goal. “We cannot stop our investment now,” he said. “With an effective up-front investment we can make the down payment to alter the costs trajectory and end this epidemic.” The UNAIDS chief said getting to zero will require new innovations to provide inexpensive diagnostic methods and medication available for everyone, everywhere in five years.

With sustained investment in research and development, he said, “we will have a microbicide that women can use to protect themselves from HIV and we will have a vaccine that will eradicate this virus.”

According to new research

by UNAIDS, an additional \$6 billion will be needed every year by 2015 to help avert 12 million new infections and more than seven million deaths by 2020.

Sharonann Lynch of Doctors Without Borders said “the world needs an ambitious treatment target with a plan attached to make it a reality — because it will be meaningless if countries aren’t willing to come up with the cash and actions needed to break the back of the epidemic.”

Nigeria’s President Goodluck Jonathan said his country has been fighting the spread of HIV/AIDS in part by working with the local film industry to promote behavioral change and awareness among the young. And he has a bill in parliament that seeks to fight discrimination against infected people, he said.

Still, Jonathan said, getting necessary anti-retroviral medication to the 1.5 million Ni-

gerians who need it remains a challenge, as does promoting prevention of the virus’ transmission from mothers to children.

“To say that adequate funding is critical to the success of our HIV and AIDS response is an understatement,” Jonathan said. “We cannot win the fight against the HIV/AIDS scourge without international solidarity.”

Prime Minister Denzil Douglas of St. Kitts and Nevis, speaking on behalf of the Caribbean Community which remains the region second only to sub-Saharan Africa with the highest HIV prevalence rate, cited a 14 percent decline in new HIV infections and a 43 percent decline in AIDS-related deaths over the past decade.

He warned that without long-term and sustainable financing, “reversal of the marginal gains over the past 10 years is inevitable.” □

US: Some chicken may have arsenic

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP)

— The U.S. Food and Drug Administration says some chicken meat may contain small amounts of arsenic, though the agency is stressing that the amount is too tiny to be dangerous to people who eat it.

The FDA said Wednesday that a new study developed by the agency shows that an ingredient in chicken feed that contains arsenic, called Roxarsone, may make its way into parts of the bird that are eaten.

Previous studies have indicated that the arsenic was eliminated with chicken waste. Pfizer Inc., which makes the feed ingredient, said Wednesday that it will pull it off the market in the United States.

Had the company not stopped sales, the FDA could have eventually banned the product since it contains a known carcinogen. Many poultry producers have already stopped feeding their birds the ingredient, which has been used since the 1940s to kill parasites and promote growth.

The FDA said that people should not stop eating chicken that may have been treated with the drug. Michael Taylor, FDA’s deputy commissioner for foods, said the study raised “concerns of a very low but completely avoidable exposure to a carcinogen.”

” Pfizer said in a statement that a subsidiary, Alpharma LLC, is suspending sales next month in response to the FDA findings. □

More ads hit online TV as Web audiences grow

By RYAN NAKASHIMA
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LOS ANGELES — One of the rewards of watching TV online is not having to sit through as many commercials. Now the networks are chipping away at that little luxury.

CBS shows twice as many ads per show on its website as it did last year. The CW network shows four times as many. Dozens of shows from major cable networks now carry as many ads online as they do on TV. More

shows will follow soon. The online audience is still small compared with television, but it's growing. Networks hope that by showing more ads, they can make about as much money per viewer online as they do on the tube. It's a change from the early days of online video. When ABC started putting full episodes of its shows online in 2006, fans could zip through the hour-long dramas "Lost" and "Desperate Housewives" in about 45 minutes. One short ad played a few times per show.

Pfizer starts first U.S. "virtual" clinical study

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TRENTON, New Jersey (AP) — Drugmaker Pfizer Inc. is running the first U.S. clinical study in which patients participate by using mobile phones and the Internet, rather than repeatedly visiting a participating hospital.

The study announced Tuesday is a pilot project, approved by the Food and Drug Administration and known by the acronym REMOTE. The goal is to determine whether such "virtual" clinical studies can produce the same results as traditional ones that require patients to live near and regularly visit a hospital or clinic for an initial screening and multiple checkups.

If it works, it could mean that patients all over America could participate in many future medical studies, allowing under-represented groups to take part, speeding up data collection and likely reducing costs and the rate of participants dropping out. "Putting research within reach of more diverse populations has the potential to advance medical progress and lead to better outcomes for more patients," Dr. Freda Lewis-Hall, Pfizer's chief medical officer, said in a statement.

FDA spokeswoman Karen Riley confirmed that this is the first such study in the country.

"We approved this concept and were supportive," she wrote in an email. The agency has an initiative to improve the quality and efficiency of patient studies.

The study by New York-based Pfizer, the world's biggest drug maker by revenue, will test the safety and effectiveness of its blockbuster pill for overactive bladder, a condition in which patients have sudden, frequent urges to urinate.

The drug, Detrol Louisiana, was approved in December 2000 and goes off patent next year. The long-acting version of Detrol, it requires only one pill a day.

About 600 patients in 10 states will enroll over the Internet after watching a video explaining the study and any risks, and then filling out a questionnaire. They will then have medication, either Detrol or dummy pills, mailed to them, not knowing which they are taking, as in a traditional study.

All the participants will submit information online frequently, directly to one of the study investigators, noting when they take the medicine, how often they urinate and details on symptoms and side effects.

The study acronym, REMOTE, stands for Research on Electronic Monitoring of OAB Treatment Experience. Overactive bladder was widely publicized in TV ads after Detrol and rival drugs such as Flomax came on the market. □



In this May, 9, 2011 photo, Kate Hooper, a 24-year-old professional nanny, is able to watch an Internet stream of the CW show "Gossip Girl" while preparing food for her sitter at her home kitchen in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

Limiting commercials kept people from going to unauthorized websites to watch pirated copies of shows. It also helped networks reach new audiences in college dorms and teenage bedrooms. Now, as online audiences grow, networks see an opportunity to make more money. A recent episode of "Hawaii Five-O" carried six and a half minutes of ads online. That's less than the 16 minutes on TV but double what an hour-long show carried on CBS.com a year ago. Online video has improved in recent years with faster Internet connections and better technology. The advances have led some people to give up on regular TV — and hefty cable bills that come with it — and watch only online. The websites of ABC and NBC and some cable channels offer a range of recent episodes online, as does Hulu, a site owned by the parent companies of ABC, NBC and Fox. Other networks offer live sports online. ESPN puts events on ESPN3.com for viewers who get Internet service through certain providers. And NBC put hundreds of hours of live competition online during the 2008 and 2010 Olympics. NBC agreed Tuesday to pay \$4.4 billion for the rights to televise the Olympics through 2020. Watching your shows on a computer, of course, means

being forced to watch the ads. On the tube, digital video recorders allow you to fast-forward through them. For many people, the convenience of watching whenever, wherever makes going online worth it.

Kate Hooper, a 24-year-old nanny from Los Angeles, often travels for work. On a recent trip to Hawaii, booting up her laptop was the only way to catch her favorite CW show, "Gossip Girl." □

Can't wait to see Super 8? Buy ticket via Twitter



In this photo taken by AP Images for 7-Eleven, Nick Pope, the world's leading authority on UFOs and unexplained phenomena, uses his smart phone to check-in on foursquare at a local 7-Eleven in New York's Times Square, Tuesday, June 7, 2011, as part of the company's nationwide Super 8 Check in to Space sweepstakes, where one lucky winner will win a trip to space. Go to www.checkintospace.com for more information.

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Can't wait to see "Super 8"? J.J. Abrams' latest sci-fi thriller opens nationwide this Friday. But fans itching to

see the Spielbergian summer blockbuster can sneak in a night early, thanks to a new partnership between Paramount Pictures and Twitter. For the first time a movie studio is teaming up with the social media platform to promote sneak peek screenings, hoping that moviegoers will create buzz by tweeting about the film (hashtag (hash)Super8Secret) ahead of its mass launch.

"Twitter is how we hear about new movies and share our tiny reviews before the credits finish rolling," said Biz Stone, Twitter cofounder. "There are already millions of people talking about 'Super 8' on Twitter, and Paramount gets that."

Moviegoers who want to catch the film on Thursday can visit www.Super8-Movie.com/Sneak for information about tickets and show times at more than 300 theaters in the U.S. and Canada, including about 240 IMAX giant-screen theaters. □

Fitch to review U.S. rating if no debt ceiling deal

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Fitch Ratings says it might downgrade U.S. debt if lawmakers fail to increase America’s borrowing limit before the government runs out of money in August.

The rating agency, based in New York, said Wednesday that it will put the debt on watch for a possible downgrade if lawmakers have not reached a deal by Aug. 2. That’s the date by which the Treasury Department will have exhausted stopgap measures it is using to delay a default. Fitch expects the debt ceiling to be increased.

If that doesn’t happen, the nation might default, implying “a crisis of governance” and threatening the stability of the world financial system, the rating agency said.

“Default by the world’s largest borrower and issuer of the pre-eminent reserve currency would be extraordinary and threaten the still fragile financial stability in the U.S. and the world as a whole, especially against the backdrop of the European sovereign debt

U.S. group: Taiwan should bolster trade ties

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TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — A U.S. business group said Wednesday that Taiwan should bolster its trade ties with the U.S. to avoid becoming overly dependent on the Chinese market. The statement by the American Chamber of Commerce in Taipei comes amid Taiwanese President Ma Ying-jeou’s continuing efforts to facilitate greater trade with China since taking office in May 2008. Under Ma, Taiwan has signed several trade agreements with China, including a wide-ranging tariff reduction deal on hundreds of products. According to the chamber, China took 41.7 percent of Taiwan’s exports and the mainland market alone accounted for half of Taiwan’s economic growth last year. But critics say



Sen. Mark Warner, D-Va., right, and Sen. Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga., leaders of “The Gang of Six” participate in a discussion on the federal budget, deficit reduction and the debt ceiling during a luncheon of the Economic Club in Washington, Wednesday, June 8, 2011.

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crisis,” said David Riley, head of Sovereign Ratings at Fitch, in a statement. A lower credit rating could spread through the economy, increasing the cost of borrowing for consumers and businesses. That’s because many loans, including mortgages,

tend to follow yields on U.S. Treasury bonds. If investors demand higher yields to offset the increased risk associated with Treasury debt, rates

for other loans would rise, as well. If borrowing and spending decrease sharply, the sluggish economic recovery could run

out of steam. The government reached its borrowing limit of \$14.29 billion on May 16. Since then, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner has employed what he calls “extraordinary measures” to continue paying the government’s bills. They include borrowing from two federal employee pension funds and halting a program under which Treasury issues securities to help state and local governments meet their investment obligations. President Barack Obama and congressional Republicans agree that the nation must reduce its annual deficit. They disagree about how to do it. Republicans want to solve the problem with spending cuts, while Democrats insist that tax increases also must be part of the plan. Failing to increase the borrowing limit could upend the financial system and imperil the economic recovery, the administration has warned. Business groups and Wall Street firms agree. □

Nintendo stock plunges amid doubts about new Wii U

TOKYO (AP) — Nintendo stock plunged Wednesday in Tokyo amid doubts about the consumer appeal of the Wii U, the much ballyhooed successor to its hit Wii video game console. The demonstration of a prototype at the Electronic Entertainment Expo, the gaming industry’s annual convention, in Los Angeles on Tuesday, appeared to leave investors disappointed and skeptical. Nintendo Co. shares closed at 16,970 yen (\$212.44), down more than 5 percent. The benchmark Nikkei 225 index ended flat. Shuji Hosoi, analyst at Daiwa Securities Co., said it was unclear how successfully the machine would compete against smartphones and tablet PCs, when device-based gaming was already having to vie against social networks. It is hard to see how it was difficult enough to woo users of smartphones and tablet PCs



Reggie Fils-Aime, President of Nintendo of America, introduces their new gaming console the Wii U during a news conference at the E3 Gaming Convention in Los Angeles, Tuesday, June 7, 2011.

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back to gaming, he said. “People are puzzled whether this will really sell.” Hosoi acknowledged the stock price may recover if Kyoto-based Nintendo could convince investors that the new machine was as fun as smartphones and other new devices. “But it would be extremely difficult because the competition is so intense,”

he said, referring to products such as the iPad from Apple Inc. and other rivals. “People have already changed.” The Japanese gaming giant behind Pokemon and Super Mario games said the Wii U will broadcast high-definition video and feature a touch-screen controller that can detect motion. Its price was not disclosed. □



In this April 21, 2011, file photo, models walk by BYD’s G6 sedan on display at the Shanghai International Auto Show in Shanghai, China.

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China’s Buffett-backed BYD to start IPO roadshow

SHANGHAI (AP) — BYD Co., a Chinese car and battery maker backed by billionaire investor Warren Buffett, is moving ahead with a share offering meant to raise cash for a major expansion. BYD said Wednesday in a notice to the Hong Kong Stock Exchange that it was beginning price consultations with investors after receiving regulatory approval for the initial public offering on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange. The company already has shares traded in Hong Kong. The company plans to list 79 million shares, or 3.4 percent of its enlarged capital. MidAmerican Energy, a subsidiary of Buffett’s Berkshire Hathaway, holds a 9.9

percent stake in BYD. BYD, which branched into auto making after becoming the world’s biggest battery maker, has been investing heavily in expanding its vehicle production capacity despite a 33 percent drop in its profit last year. BYD postponed its listing in Shenzhen, China’s smaller, second market, last year in hopes of tapping a better market environment. Proceeds from the IPO will go to a 2.2 billion yuan (\$338 million) expansion mainly focused on an auto research, development and production base in the company’s hometown of Shenzhen, which borders Hong Kong. □

SEC cans Web campaign to buy beer company

MARCY GORDON
AP Business Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — It seemed like an innovative way to buy a beer company: Start an online campaign to purchase the iconic Pabst Brewing Co. and sell shares on Facebook and Twitter to cover the \$300 million cost. Michael Migliozi II and Brian William Flatow found 5 million people who said they would invest a total of \$200 million. But the federal government halted the venture after it informed the two men of one major oversight — they neglected to register the public offering with the Securities and Exchange Commission, a violation of federal law. The SEC said Wednesday that it reached a settlement with the

two advertising executives. The men, who never collected any money, agreed to stop selling shares to the public. The case spotlights a growing challenge for regulators, who must patrol business online ventures and ferret out scams disguised as stock offerings. The SEC has an entire enforcement unit devoted to Internet surveillance with a staff of more than 200 people. The CyberForce has flagged numerous instances of unregistered securities sales online. But Scott Friestad, an associate director in the SEC’s enforcement division, called the beer campaign “fairly new.” He said he couldn’t recall another instance of someone selling shares online to buy an existing company.

By law, public stock offerings must be registered with the SEC before their promoters begin to sell shares. When they register to sell shares in a company, they must provide information about the company’s financial condition and other data to help investors decide whether they should buy in. Migliozi, 45, and Flatow, 41, neither admitted nor denied wrongdoing in agreeing to the SEC’s “cease-and-desist” order. Their lawyer, Steven Berkowitz, said the two were old friends from the ad business who came up with the idea as “an interesting experiment in crowdsourcing.” Crowdsourcing is a way of organizing large groups of people by using the Internet and

social media. “It never dawned on them” that they needed to register the offering without any shares being sold, Berkowitz said. They launched their campaign to buy Pabst in November 2009 and got an “overwhelming response,” Berkowitz said. The company, which sells Schlitz, Pabst Blue Ribbon and Old Milwaukee, had been owned for about a decade by a charitable foundation and was seeking a buyer at the time. Migliozi and Flatow spread the word on Facebook and Twitter. And they created the BuyBeerCompany.com web site, which included a countdown timer showing how much money had been pledged. Prospective investors were told



An oil pump works at sunset Wednesday, June 8, 2011, in the desert oil fields of Sakhr, Bahrain. OPEC unexpectedly left its production levels unchanged on Wednesday, causing oil prices to jump, as senior officials said their meeting ended in disarray - a stunning admission for an organization that places a premium on consensus decision making.

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told reporters after the meeting in Vienna ended. Saudi oil minister Ali Naimi called the meeting “one of the worst ever.” Traders were surprised and oil prices climbed. Benchmark West Texas Intermediate for July delivery gained \$1.65 to settle at \$100.74 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. In London, Brent crude added \$1.07 to settle at \$117.85 per barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

Many analysts were almost certain that OPEC would increase production. OPEC not only supplies 34 percent of the world’s oil — about 29.7 million barrels per day — it has the unique ability to crank up production as needed. Other oil-producing countries, such as Canada, Russia and Mexico, don’t have that flexibility. Global oil consumption is expected to increase by 2 percent this year to an average of 88.4 million barrels per day. □

At Venice Biennale

Artists decorate palazzos, and vice versa

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VENICE – When it comes to dense, out-of-control concentrations of contemporary art, there is nothing like the Venice Biennale. With its big central exhibition, its ever-rising number of national pavilions and the scores of collateral shows organized in museums, galleries and palazzos all over the city, the Biennale never stops.

It is a cornucopia of recent artistic endeavor, endlessly amplified by Venice itself, which remains one of the most cul-

array of artworks dished up for our momentary delectation.

And the 54th Biennale – which began Saturday and will run through Nov. 27 – certainly dishes up: starting with “Illuminations,” the event’s rewarding if relatively sedate central survey, and a cluster of pumped-up shows in the national pavilions arrayed across the lush Venetian park known as the Giardini.

KEEPING IT REAL

Those pavilions give us a Biennale on steroids. With some notable exceptions, what

hole to old Istanbul, a mind-boggling feat of trompe l’oeil that proceeds through abandoned workshops and grubby dwellings and includes a dusty courtyard open to the sky, with only two red-tinged dark rooms strung with photographs of Istanbul cracking the illusion.

Nearby Christoph Schlingensief, a filmmaker and theater director who died of cancer at 49 last August, represents Germany with a full-dress recreation of a church and an often anguished recorded narration of his illness and crises



Mike Nelson’s installation in the British Pavilion at the 54th Venice Biennale in Venice, June, 2011. The Biennale is a cornucopia of recent artistic endeavor, endlessly amplified by Venice itself.

(Ruth Fremson/The New York Times)

turally layered, artful and art-filled places on Earth.

The multiheaded beast of the Biennale reflects the hopes, dreams and decisions of thousands of individuals and organizations: artists, curators, museum directors and trustees, art dealers, corporate sponsors and a United Nations’ worth of governmental bodies and functionaries, not to mention well-heeled collectors from around the globe determined to raise their profiles with lavish parties, displays of their art holdings or both.

The rest of us just live in their world, trying to make sense of the spectacle of art, money and ambition they generate, taking pleasure and insight where we find it, which is as often in the city itself as in the

might be called late-stage festivalism dominates, in the form of large-scale, labor-intensive installations and environments.

Discrete artworks are rare, never mind paintings; Jasper Johns’ famous admonition to “take an object, do something to it” seems to have been upgraded to the more aggressively territorial “take a space, fill it with something.”

The main topic of conversation among the Giardini pavilions is the role of reality in art. We are treated to large, overwhelming chunks of the real – found, made or remade – and heavy doses of life and, in some cases, death.

In the British Pavilion, Mike Nelson has created a warren of small dim rooms that take the visitor down a rabbit

of faith, complete with bits of liturgical music and Wagner.

The walls are dotted with projections of (hilarious) film recreations of works from the 1960s by artists like Joseph Beuys, Valie Export and Nam June Paik, all of whom helped dissolve the border between art and life.

One of the Biennale’s freakier sights appears in front of the U.S. Pavilion, where the artists Jennifer Allora and Guillermo Calzidilla have plunked a 60-ton military tank, upside down, with a treadmill sitting on its steel treads and called it “Track and Field.”

For 15 minutes every hour a runner uses the treadmill, which activates the tank’s treads, creating an unholy racket that evokes a huge flock of metal starlings. □



Jeff Atkins, the rapper known as Ja Rule, arrives at court for sentencing in New York, on June 8, 2011. Ja Rule was sentenced Wednesday to up to two years in prison after pleading guilty in December on a weapons possession charge.

(John Marshall Mantel/The New York Times)

Ja Rule takes familiar celebrity walk, to prison

JOHN ELIGON

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NEW YORK – The scene outside the courthouse in Lower Manhattan on Wednesday was familiar, as a central figure, surrounded by a flock of photographers, lumbered toward the building’s entrance. A few feet away, a man in a baseball cap wore a look of disgust and surprise.

“What happened to Ja?” the man shouted as the rapper Ja Rule walked past.

“Ja, you good?” the man asked.

Outside the main Manhattan Criminal Courts building, a path to the entrance has become a law-and-order version of the red carpet. While celebrities stroll, reporters and camera crews line the periphery. Fans and others are relegated to the back.

Until recently, the platinum standard for such chaos was set by the rapper Lil Wayne, when he received a one-year jail sentence in 2010 for attempted possession of a weapon.

Fans and the news media gathered hours before Lil Wayne’s arrival. His sport utility vehicle had to make a second pass at the building before he could get out. Once his feet touched the pavement, a mob scene ensued. More than a hundred people swarmed him, nearly trampling one another.

Sports stars get similar treatment; court officers placed metal barricades so the former New York Giants receiver Plaxico Burress could make his way to the courthouse relatively unimpeded. But the honor for creating the most carnival-like atmosphere might go to Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the former managing director of the International Monetary Fund. When Strauss-Kahn arrived at the courthouse Monday morning to be formally charged with attempted rape and other counts in State Supreme Court, a roar went up, and hotel housekeepers began chanting, “Shame on you.”

The reception for Ja Rule, who was to receive a two-year sentence after pleading guilty to attempted gun possession, was less of a spectacle.

At the most, 10 photographers awaited his arrival, including a television camera crew with a boom microphone. There was no noticeable gathering of fans. A court officer who works at the building’s entrance said, “Compared to the last couple of weeks, that was just like a normal person walking in.”

For his part, Ja Rule did not seem to be embracing the moment. When his black Ford Flex pulled into a parking lot across the street from the courthouse about 1:50 p.m., he sat behind the tinted windows for several moments while the photographers pounced. □

Man ordered to stay away from Lohan for 2 years



Lindsay Lohan

A. McCARTNEY, AP Entertainment Writer
SANTA MONICA, California (AP) — A judge on Wednesday ordered a man accused of showing up at Lindsay Lohan's court appearances and leaving gifts at her house to stay away from the actress for the next two years. Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Joseph Biderman issued the restraining order against David Cocordan after a hearing in Santa Monica, California. Neither Lohan, who is serving house arrest, or Cocordan attended the hearing.

Biderman said the man had filed a statement agreeing to the stay-away order.

Lohan wrote in a court filing last month that she is frightened of Cocordan, 38, who she stated had sent her more than 100 text messages, including one describing having sex with the "Mean Girls" star.

The actress is serving house arrest on a 120-day jail sentence for violating her probation by taking a necklace without permission from a jewelry store in January. She is expected to serve about 35 days.

One text message contained in the court documents indicates Cocordan was in the courtroom last month when the 24-year-old actress was sentenced to jail.

Lohan's attorney, Blair Berk, told the judge that police officers would serve the two-year restraining order on Cocordan, who according to court records lives in Glendora. That is about 45 miles (70 kilometers) east of Lohan's home in the beachside community of Venice. □

Heidi Klum broadens her brand with new lifestyles website

Suzanne S. Brown

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There's no stopping Heidi Klum. Model, mom, fashion creator and host of the popular "Project Runway" television show on cable, the German supermodel is on to her next project — a new AOL site aimed at women.

In the past decade, Klum has gone from modeling lingerie for Victoria's Secret to putting her name on maternity wear and running shoes. Not that she's exactly become a slouch in the hot-body department: At age 38 and with four kids, she's still showing up in paparazzi photos wearing a bikini. But like Martha Stewart and Oprah Winfrey, she's also working at becoming a brand, spinning her good looks and affable personality across a variety of categories.

Klum is working with Full Picture Entertainment to create content for heidiklum.aol.com, which covers style, beauty, parenting, fitness, nutrition, relationships, entertaining and decorating. In a telephone news conference, Klum said the website aims to answer the questions people always ask her about how she runs her life: What's her exercise routine? How does she make sure each of her children gets quality time?

What fashion trends is she loving? To the latter question, Klum said she's trying to post a photo of herself every day — often with her hair a bit straggly and wearing no makeup. It's a little shocking — and maybe refreshing — given that Klum is usually so picture-perfect. □



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Joel Courtney Elle Fanning

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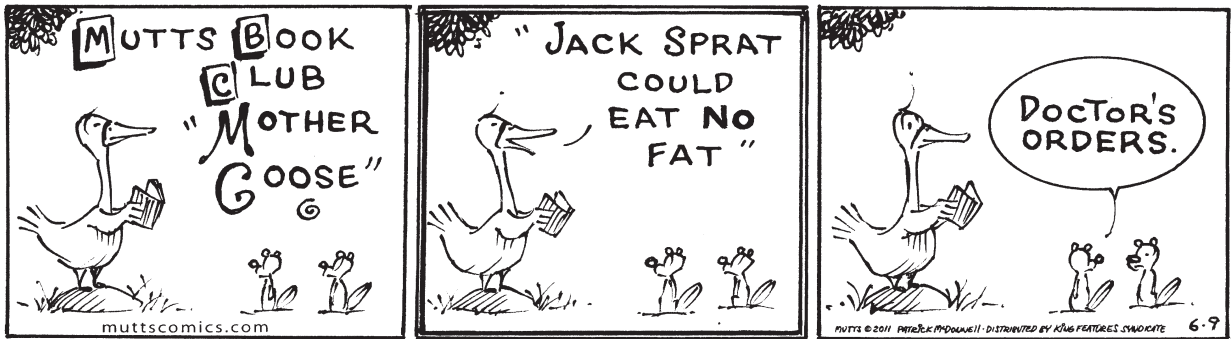
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Conceptis Sudoku

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Difficulty Level ★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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ACROSS

- 1 Baby bear
- 4 Heroic tales
- 9 On __; offered at a lower price
- 13 Tiniest particle of an element
- 15 Plant life
- 16 Wild goat
- 17 Cause of misery
- 18 Deadly
- 19 Applaud
- 20 Private retreat; monastery
- 22 Casino game
- 23 Hit the ceiling
- 24 "Murder, __ Wrote"
- 26 Highfalutin
- 29 Womanly
- 34 __ out; parachutes
- 35 Old Roman robes
- 36 Young socialite, for short
- 37 Exclusively
- 38 President Richard M. __
- 39 Sage or thyme
- 40 Commotion
- 41 City fellows on a ranch
- 42 Sailor's time off
- 43 Raggedy
- 45 Took a voters' survey
- 46 Crawling insect
- 47 Autumn
- 48 Shapeless mass
- 51 Pure
- 56 Actor James __ Jones
- 57 Cook meat in the oven
- 58 Air pollution
- 60 Pleasant
- 61 Raring to go
- 62 Conceal
- 63 "Phooey!"
- 64 Sheltered from the sun's rays
- 65 Foot digit

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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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- 35 Surfer's concern
- 38 Feeds and cares for
- 39 Terrible
- 41 Scouting group
- 42 Lounge about
- 44 Notebook
- 45 Meager
- 47 Melted together
- 48 Be flexible
- 49 Hideaway
- 50 Killer whale
- 52 Ark builder
- 53 Long story
- 54 Give off
- 55 Blockhead
- 59 " __ whiz!"

Order sushi like a native, and know what you're eating



A screen grab of the SushiGuru app in an undated handout photo. The app is among the smartphone apps from Apple and Android that include photos, descriptions and even audio pronunciations to help make ordering sushi easier.

(The New York Times)

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Want to take someone down a notch? Take them to a sushi bar and ask them to order. Even sushi fans face a moment of uncertainty when a server who is clearly fluent in Japanese addresses the table. Novices have it even worse. Did you just order the salmon or another bottle of sake? Will that tuna come with rice or will it appear as a solitary slab on a plate?

And was it maguro tuna or toro tuna? (You'll know when the bill comes.)

Mobile apps can solve these mysteries, while also helping you avoid the contempt of the sushi chef and staff who lack the time to explain every item on the menu while the rest of the restaurant beckons.

If you're a casual sushi eater, you're best downloading free apps like Guide to Sushi or Sushipedia from the Apple App Store, or Japanese Sushi Guide & Quiz and SuShi for Android devices.

For a nominal price, SushiGuru (\$1 on Apple), SushiMonger (\$2 on Apple) and Sushi-Time (\$2 on Apple) offer even better experiences.

The free Apple apps are more polished than the ones for Android devices, but that should come as little surprise to Android users who've ever caught a peek at a friend's iPhone.

(I keep waiting for an Android-only app to blow an Apple-only competitor out of the water in any category. I can count on two hands the number of times an Android-only app has even outdone the Apple competition.)

If only Google and WorkSmart Labs, the maker of the excellent CardioTrainer Android app, made more mobile software, Android users would be far better off.)

But if you're only looking for a decent free sushi guide, Android software like Japanese Sushi Guide & Quiz and SuShi will do.

The Sushi Guide & Quiz is mainly useful for its Dictionary feature, a scrollable list of roughly 75 words commonly found on a Japanese menu. The descriptions also occasionally include some contextual information, as with the app's explication of uni, a sea urchin that's "usually quite expensive." □

How I learned to stop worrying by loving the smartphone

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When I think back to what I was like before the advent of the smartphone, I realize I must have been a quivering ball of anxiety.

I'd come out of a subway and walk for blocks in the wrong direction, searching as my appointment neared for a public map only to find the "You Are Here" X blotted out by the thousands of lost souls before me who pressed their fingers to the same spot in hopes of somehow getting reoriented.

I'd stand drumming my fingers in a long checkout line full of people who believed that the best time to pull out a checkbook was after the last item had been scanned and the bill totaled.

I'd begin worrying about memory loss when I could no longer remember important

facts like what Longfellow tavern Henry Ford had bought and restored.

Now I'm sunny and carefree, and it's not because of some pharmacological miracle. It's all because of a bundle of plastic, glass, microchips and loads of software: my smartphone.

It should come as no surprise to anyone that the device is changing our lives.

Historians will remember the advent of the smartphone as something as important as the elevator, air-conditioner and automobile. Those inventions reshaped our external lives with tall buildings in sprawling cities in previously inhospitable places. The smartphone has changed our internal lives.

Some people see those inventions as ruining our world. And judging by the hand wringing of any number



A smartphone can transform a consumer from a ball of anxiety to a sunny, carefree person who is never without an answer.

(Angelica Rogers/The New York Times)

of social critics, like Jaron Lanier or Nicholas Carr, who had the attention span to write whole books on the subject, the smartphone is changing their world for the worse.

One of the more accessible takes on what these critics think will happen is in "Super Sad True Love Story," the dystopian novel by Gary Shteyngart. The hero, like nearly everyone else, wears a smartphone-like device, an apparat, around his neck that

gives him all the information he needs and tracks his bank accounts as well as his popularity. Despite the device, the hero is a quivering ball of anxiety.

But for most people – and as the technology gets cheaper, billions more people will have access to the machines – a smartphone will change their lives and most likely for the better. The little improvements in life will matter. How? Don't get me started. □

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2 new elements officially added to periodic table

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AP Science Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Remember the periodic table from high school chemistry? It just got a little bigger.

Two new chemical elements, numbers 114 and 116, have been officially recognized by an international committee of chemists and physicists.

The elements last for less than a second and join such familiar neighbors as carbon, gold, tin and zinc.

The new ones don't have approved names yet.

That brings the total of known elements to just 114 because elements 113 and 115 haven't been officially accepted yet, said Paul Karol of Carnegie Mellon University.

He chaired the committee that

recognized the new elements, based on experiments done in 2004 and 2006 by a collaboration of scientists from Russia and the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California.

Over the past 250 years, new elements have been added about once every 2.5 years on average, Karol said.

The committee announced its decision last week.

The scientists from the collaboration have been invited to submit names for the new elements for approval, Karol said.

The numbers refer to the number of protons in the nucleus. The new elements were made by slamming two lighter elements together in the hopes that they'd stick, Karol said. □

World's largest radio telescope under new boss



This May 31, 2007 file photo shows the world's largest single-dish radio telescope at the Arecibo Observatory in Puerto Rico.

Associated Press

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SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — The world's largest single-dish radio telescope

has received a five-year, multimillion-dollar funding commitment that new management says will allow scientists to probe the mysteries

of imploded stars and maybe even lead to the detection of elusive gravitational waves predicted by Albert Einstein.

The Arecibo Observatory secured the funding this month amid looming budget cuts when the National Science Foundation awarded a \$42 million contract to a consortium including California-based SRI International, a nonprofit research organization. The consortium's takeover of the observatory is expected to occur in October. Located in Puerto Rico's lush north coast and featured in the movie "Contact" with actress Jodie Foster, the 1,000-foot-wide telescope has been operated by Cornell University since 1963.

SRI's partners on the project include the Universities Space Research Association, a Maryland-based nonprofit corporation founded under the National Academy of Sciences.

"We're still the most sensitive telescope in the world," Robert Kerr, SRI's director-designate for the observatory, told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

"That has allowed a rich diversity of research."

The observatory will launch a \$2 million high-frequency facility later this year, only the second of its kind in the Western Hemisphere, Kerr said. It is expected to emit high-frequency waves that will help scientists study the ionosphere, the upper part of the atmosphere that affects how radio waves are transmitted on Earth.

"It's a very unique laboratory," he said. Scientists also expect to use the radio telescope to react more quickly to solar storms and analyze how they impact weather at the altitude of satellites, he said. The radio telescope will search within and beyond the Milky Way galaxy for objects including asteroids and pulsars, which are the remains of stars at least three times the mass of the sun. □

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Lobo: Zelaya tiene libertad total en Honduras



En esta foto proporcionada por las Naciones Unidas, el presidente hondureño Porfirio Lobo Sosa, en una alocución a la plenaria por la reunión de alto nivel sobre el VIH-sida en la sede de Naciones Unidas, en Nueva York, el miércoles 8 de junio del 2011.

(AP Foto/United Nations, Paulo Filgueiras)

NUEVA YORK (AP) — El presidente hondureño Porfirio Lobo dijo el miércoles que el ex mandatario Manuel Zelaya “tiene libertad total y absoluta” en Honduras y que su gobierno le protegerá y cuidará, al igual que hace con otros ex presidentes.

Lobo explicó que se esforzó para lograr que el derrocado mandatario regresara al país y que ahora Zelaya tiene los

derechos que le corresponden. Zelaya regresó a su país el 28 de mayo, tras haber pasado casi año y medio en el exilio. Fue derrocado en junio del 2009.

“Había dos juicios pendientes, finalmente se anularon, y el hombre tiene libertad total y absoluta en Honduras. Y nosotros hacemos lo que tenemos que hacer para cuidarle y protegerlo, al igual que los

demás ex presidentes que tiene Honduras”, dijo Lobo a los periodistas tras haber hablado ante la Asamblea General de Naciones Unidas en una cumbre mundial sobre el sida.

Lobo también habló de la reforma constitucional aprobada recientemente en su país, pero insistió en que su intención no es presentarse a la reelección. “Si yo entro en el juego de querer beneficiarme de la reforma le hago un daño enorme a mi patria y desnaturalizo la intención real que yo tengo de que avancemos, que hagamos reformas, de que las reformas se hagan mirando al horizonte, no mirando hacia uno”, dijo durante una rueda de prensa. “Yo no voy a ser parte de ningún beneficio de la reforma constitucional en Honduras. Mi contrato social termina el 27 de enero del 2014”.

El presidente hondureño habló con varios periodistas en la sede de la organización South-South News, frente a la sede de Naciones Unidas. Su esposa Rosa Elena Bonilla de Lobo y varios ministros acompañaron al presidente en el vi-

aje a Nueva York.

Lobo celebró a principios de año la aprobación de una reforma constitucional que abre el camino a la reelección presidencial, aunque insiste que no tiene intención de postularse en las elecciones presidenciales del 2013.

La reforma del artículo 5, aprobada el 11 de enero, permite que a través de un referéndum, o consulta popular, se puedan eliminar artículos de la Constitución que impiden la reelección presidencial en Honduras.

El mandatario dijo el miércoles que “está de acuerdo con la reelección, si el pueblo así lo decide”. Lobo dijo que con el cambio constitucional, Honduras ha disuelto las barreras que limitaban el derecho que tienen los hondureños a decidir. “No hay nada que pueda estar por encima de la voluntad de un pueblo”.

“Ninguna generación le puede imponer a otra un modelo. Y mucho menos que una asamblea designada le diga a un pueblo qué no puede ser, qué no se le puede consultar. Entonces lo que el Congreso hizo fue eliminar esas cadenas

que limitaban el derecho de la gente y hoy la gente puede ser consultada sobre cualquier tema”, indicó.

Antes de la reforma, la Constitución prohibía cualquier modificación a ciertos artículos, incluido el que se refería a la reelección. Lobo también dijo que se alegra de que la Organización de Estados Americanos (OEA) haya levantado la suspensión que pesaba sobre Honduras.

El reciente regreso de Zelaya se concretó gracias a un acuerdo que firmó con Lobo en la ciudad colombiana de Cartagena, fruto de la mediación de los presidentes de Colombia, Juan Manuel Santos, y Venezuela, Hugo Chávez.

Ante denuncias de violaciones de derechos humanos en Honduras desde el derrocamiento del ex mandatario, Lobo dijo que está abierto a que organismos internacionales vayan al país e investiguen la situación, pues aseguró que no hay políticas de estado que violenten las garantías. Lobo también promocionó la primera Cumbre Mundial de Afrodescendientes, que se celebrará en Honduras en agosto. □

Erupción de volcán cubre de ceniza ríos y tierras en Chile

ENTRELAGOS, Chile (AP) — Mientras la actividad sísmica por la erupción del cordón volcánico El Caulle en esta zona del sur del país tendía a disminuir el miércoles, las autoridades visitaron la región y manifestaron su preocupación por la enorme cantidad de ceniza caída sobre cultivos, ríos y lagos.

Las autoridades mantienen la evacuación de miles de personas que viven próximas a El Caulle, situado a unos 900 kilómetros al sur de Santiago, pero autorizan esporádicos retornos de los lugareños para que alimenten al ganado y a los animales domésticos.

Vicente Núñez, director nacional de la Oficina Nacional de Emergencia, informó a la prensa que informes técnicos indican que “se ha observado una disminución de la actividad sísmica”, aunque tal disminución “no es concluyente”, por ser parte de un proceso evolutivo.

El ministro de Agricultura, Antonio Galilea, recorrió la zona donde la erupción es visible ocasionalmente debido a las lluvias y las nubes. Además fuertes vientos y bajas temperatura imperan en esa región, donde el volcán entró en erupción el sábado.

“No obstante la emergencia que se vive, los ganaderos están acostumbrados a guardar forraje y por lo tanto tienen reservas de pasto. Si se agota estamos preparados para enfrentar la situación”, dijo.

Algunos predios están cubiertos de una gruesa capa de ceniza, mientras otros se han salvado gracias a los vientos, que han llevado la columna de cenizas y material piroclástico hacia la vecina Argentina.

Miguel Oyarzún, ganadero del valle del río GolGol, fue uno de los debió alimentar a sus 50 cabezas de ganado con el forraje que guardaba pues las praderas de su hacienda están cubiertas de ceniza. “Los animales estaban hambrientos y tuvimos que darle nuestro pasto guardado”, contó.

El ministro de Agricultura manifestó también preocupación por la contaminación de los ríos y lagos. Sobre el agua de los ríos, como el GolGol y el Nilahue, se divisan capas de cenizas, y también algunos lagos han sido contaminados por las aguas de sus ríos afluentes. □

Panamá:

Martinelli: Noriega “viene muy pronto”

PANAMA (AP) — El presidente Ricardo Martinelli dijo el miércoles que a su parecer el ex dictador Manuel Noriega regresará “muy pronto” extraditado desde Francia para enfrentar la justicia panameña.

“Tengo entendido que viene pronto a cumplir su sentencia en Panamá”, expresó a los periodistas, sin ofrecer mayores detalles.

Al responder una pregunta sobre si existen prisiones adecuadas para recibir a Noriega, Martinelli respondió que “para un señor de 75 años, todas las cárceles de Panamá son seguras”.

Sus declaraciones tienen lugar después que fiscales franceses anunciaran recientemente que esperan el visto bueno de Estados Unidos para repatriar al ex hombre fuerte panameño a su país.

El canciller panameño Juan Carlos Varela había dicho antes que tenía informes de que Washington no tiene “ninguna objeción” de que Francia acepte extraditar a Panamá al ex general. □

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